

Statement from Fairlight Neighbourhood Planning Group

Fairlight Neighbourhood Planning Group has received a representation on the proposed Neighbourhood Plan from a Planning Consultancy acting for the owners of Wakeham's Farm. We received this on 5th December.

The consultancy have put forward three proposals for discussion.

The first is for a development of thirty 4 – 5 bedroom houses on the part of the site known locally as the East Field.

The second is for a development of fifty three houses on the East Field , made up of forty 4 – 5 bedroom houses and thirteen 3 bedroom bungalows.

The third is for four hundred and ninety two properties over the whole of the part of the farm to the south of Pett Level Road with a range of sizes and types plus commercial, industrial and retail space, allotments, a village hall and play and leisure facilities.

You should be aware that these are not planning applications and there is no suggestion that anything is likely to happen quickly.

We have been advised by our own consultants that we should not express an opinion on the merits, or otherwise, of any of these proposals at this stage. This is because we have a duty to consider any representations made as part of the Neighbourhood Planning process, carry out a formal appraisal of all of them, and then consult residents about the options which exist.

We are circulating this information at this stage because we consider it important to inform residents of any significant developments, rather than risk information emerging unofficially, which can result in rumour and speculation.

Residents will continue to be consulted at all stages of the Neighbourhood Planning process.

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