

South of Folders Lane

Action Group

UPDATE – 25th August 2014

URGENT ACTION NEEDED

Indigo Scott Re-Apply To Build Nine Houses on the site of Oaklands and Holfords adjacent to the Folders Lane/Keymer Road Mini Roundabout.

We are extremely disappointed to report that since our recent newsletter Indigo Scott have once again applied to demolish the houses Oaklands & Holford on the Keymer Road in order to build a mix of nine three storey detached and semi detached houses on the site. (click on the link above for details).

Their first application was refused in August 2013 by the MSDC planning officer on a number of issues, which included poor standard of design, over development of the site, over bearing, over looking, land stability, drainage and impact on a mains sewer. Subsequently Indigo Scott lodged an appeal to the government inspector which was dismissed in April 2014, see our website for details.

However, the inspectors decision turned almost exclusively on the issue of over looking to the adjacent property, Wigmore House and internally between the new dwellings on the development itself. He felt providing the design was changed to address these overlooking aspects then the other issues of land stability, drainage, sewerage etc could be handled by conditions before development commenced.

Indigo Scott have now seized on this and re-submitted their application with just some minor design changes by replacing the second story Dormer Windows with Velux roof windows, believing MSDC will now have little option but to allow the development.

The application site slopes markedly from East to West with a drop of some 20 metres towards the houses on Hazel Grove, this together with the history of subsidence and drainage issues in the immediate area leads SOFLAG to disagree that these important factors should be left to the uncertainty of unspecified conditions as our experience is that once development starts developers rarely follow through in this regard.

We therefore believe its imperative we impress this on the MSDC planning committee when this application comes before them.

Please note if approved this application would set a very dangerous precedent whereby any of the properties along the Keymer Road could be demolished and replaced with a succession of cul-de-sac developments replicating what has happened on Folders Lane over the last decade or so. Therefore if you want to preserve the character of this part of town then we urge you to make your views known to MSDC.

The public has until 5th September to object.

We are asking you to oppose this application using one of **three options**: directly online or emailing or writing to the Planning Officer dealing with the case. The Planning Reference Number is **14/02816/FUL**

1. Online using the link <http://tinyurl.com/OakandHol> (This is MSDC's preferred method)
2. By emailing the case officer, Mr Hamish Walke at hamish.walke@midsussex.gov.uk **quoting the reference 14/02816/FUL**
3. By post to Mr Hamish Walke, Planning Services Division, Mid Sussex District Council, Oaklands Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex RH16 1SS **quoting the reference 14/02816/FUL**

A sample objection letter is attached with this email. Please note each member of the household should register individual objections as each is counted separately

Please help to get this inappropriate application rejected once again.

PLEASE – Act Now – Do not regret it later

FINALLY.....

THANKS TO SOFLAG'S SUPPORTERS WE HAVE SO FAR HAD CONSIDERABLE SUCCESS IN RESISTING INAPPROPRIATE DEVELOPMENT IN OUR AREA. PLEASE CONTINUE TO HELP US AND PASS ON OUR MESSAGE TO FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS.

ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT, TOGETHER WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

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