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I am responding to the Public Consultation on the Local Plan Ref STR/SS 1
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Houses with no associated infrastructure

The inspector has reduced the housing allocation but there is still a huge development with the new proposed housing and those already underway in Paddock wood. There seems to be no cohesive plan to build the infrastructure required - roads, water & sewage, Parks & leisure facilities, Educational establishment, shops, restaurants etc. The Paddock Wood Neighbourhood Plan produced by the community in 2023 seems to have been ignored. Continuing to build more housing estates and to allow piecemeal developments are not the way to make vibrant & happy towns. (Unfortunately made easier for developers by some of our daft planning rules.

Most of the new housing appears to have pocket handkerchief gardens. Families will be moving in so where are the children going to play? Certainly no room for football or trampolines in their tiny gardens. Where is there a space like Dunorlan Park in Paddock Wood?

Because of the lack of leisure facilities for families - swimming pools, climbing walls, gymnastics facilities, large parks and recreation areas, there will a continual need to drive to Tonbridge or Tunbridge Wells, often several journeys a day, adding to the chaos on our roads. Which brings me onto my next point...

Traffic Chaos

Which ever way one goes now at peak times there a traffic jams with the associated pollution.

Traffic jams from Matfield to join A21 at Kippings Cross, Pembury Road into Tunbridge Wells being a continuous traffic jam.

Similarly the B2017 to Tonbridge through Five Oak Green & Tudeley has streams of cars in both directions. etc.

These are only going to get worse, and the increased traffic is not helped by the poor state of the roads & the potholes.

Most of the access roads to Paddock Wood are country lanes, with no pavements for walking.

Unfortunately due to the increased traffic, we are unable to walk anywhere on the road where we live.

These are just a few of the points that need to be considered by the planning inspector. I could give many more. I feel that a review of the whole are around Paddock Wood is needed to provide a better plan for the next 10 years. If it has to expand and be a town let it be a well planned town!