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One for you.

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Hello,

I would like to express my deep concerns for Paddock Wood and the never ending development to what was once a safe a happy community.

I moved from Tonbridge to Paddock Wood in 2009. Before then I worked in Paddock Wood at the bakers at 17 years old, and prior to this I often came over to meet friends who I had meet through sporting events. So I've definitely grown up with Paddock Wood and was delighted to be bringing up my children here and not in Tonbridge, given the rise in knife crime there.

However, crime is seriously on the rise for us Paddock Wood residents. From parcels being stolen from door steps, to cars being stolen and people being beaten up in the streets for fun or being mugged. This is not the Paddock Wood I knew and loved. I, myself have been subject to threats and bad language from teenagers simply for just walking my dog in the park. I worry for my young boys growing up here now.

My boys Dad lives in the flats behind the fish and chip shop and last summer, he had the front door open when it was hot, he was doing bits out the front and simply stepped into the kitchen to wash his hands. As he walked back round he saw the back of a man running off with his bumbag that he had left inside his flat. This man had stepped into his flat and taken it. Thankfully he had not long before removed his phone from it.

He description fits one of the 'delightful' residents that you've moved over from Croydon! Not the first story we've heard about the people from the Croydon Council Estate moving over and causing trouble.

Yet we have 2600 MORE houses being built here!!! How is crime and antisocial behaviour going to be addressed? Or are we simply heading towards the likes of Tonbridge, with knife crime soon to come?

"The total planned for our entire Borough is between 4150-4595 so Paddock Wood has around 50% of the Borough's planned housing"

Why is Paddock Wood being so strongly targeted?

Commercial Street is still a village. We have no stops to cater for these people, no extra doctors, instead we're now putting pressure on the chemist.

No improvement on the sports facilities.

Dentists? Schools? Paddock Wood Primary is already at capacity. What about Mascalls? They've already taken in hundreds of extra students from Cranbrook. Why do our children have to suffer due to your greed?

And then there's the flooding! Your plans for this are not being sufficiently addressed. My boys play for PWFC and their games are constantly being called off due to flooding. Yet more houses means more children wanting to join that club!

Again I ask, why Paddock Wood? Surly we've now taken enough in. You've already taken away our village, we've lost so much greenery as it is, enough is enough!

I look forward to hearing from you,

Regards

Kerry

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