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I'd like to respond to the above plan for the Paddock Wood area.

There has been a large degree of development within Paddock Wood over the past few years and this has had significant effect on the current infrastructure, including but not limited to schools, health provisions, roads, parking. There has also been a rise in crime and antisocial behaviour.

If the proposed development of almost 3k dwellings is approved, there must be equal investment in the town itself to cope with the influx of people and traffic. Paddock Wood is not a large town in terms of facilities and both primary and secondary schools are already oversubscribed. The doctors' surgery is struggling to cope with the increased local population before any further development and the pharmacy is in a similar position, which impacts on residents.

I recognise the need for more housing but to allow this in isolation of further investment in the town itself is impractical and will lead to numerous problems.

Please take this into consideration, we don't want our town ruined for lack of investment.

Regards Fiona Gordon