

I write to register my strong objection to the housing development planned for the area occupied by Vicarage Farm: this was apparently approved at the council meeting held on 9 June 2021.

I believe there are local opportunities for sympathetic development such as the sites formally occupied by the Royal Chace Hotel and Arnold House, both on The Ridgeway, notwithstanding construction projects at Chase Farm Hospital whose A & E Department no longer exists.

It is no accident the principle of establishing the Green Belt had, and continues to have, virtue in being identified as a sustainable concept, not one to be surrendered lightly and blighting the environment for future generations.

In common with many other facets of life, can the transient political class be relied upon to govern in a competent fashion?

The repercussions surrounding poor judgement on this occasion are manifest and rejection should be the only option.