

SAVE OUR SOUTH COAST ALLIANCE



Dear Parish Councillors,

The Government's White Paper on Planning is challenging all of us at present and SOSCA has prepared a response paper 'Drowning in Development' which can be found in our RESEARCH section on our web site.

The many hours of hard work by communities to prepare their Neighbourhood Plan to produce for the Government an honest and full account of what is actually 'needed' in their Parishes has been swept away. We are now faced with not only the displacement of local democracy with 'zoning' but with the housing numbers set to grow considerably across the South East. With no infrastructure to help alleviate these huge numbers the damage to the environment and security of our fragile landscape will be irrevocable. It will also degrade our highly protected areas all of which was confirmed to SOSCA Committee Members at a recent meeting with CPRE Sussex when they shared the results of their analysis.

We know many MPs in the South East are deeply concerned, for example Kent MPs have all signed a letter to the Minister of State, Robert Jenrick. Unfortunately the only way to make changes to this draconian policy is through the support of Members of Parliament. To totally reject it would be the best solution.

The attached 'flyer' has been printed to encourage as many people as possible to e-mail Gillian Keegan MP to make her aware of the considerable concern felt in her Constituency. If you could forward on to as many people or groups as possible and encourage them to not only pass it on further but most importantly to write to Gillian Keegan their MP as each voice of concern is hugely valuable.

With Gratitude

Louise Goldsmith, Chair SOSCA

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