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In view of the present weather conditions ,to concrete over more of Gillingham seems questionable. There are many homes for sale in the area some of which have been on the market for a long time. WHO is going to come and live in all these proposed new houses?? In the 16 years that my husband and I have lived in Gillingham some 2000 houses have been built at a great cost to the environment. It is at least 6 years since we saw a hedgehog or heard owls hooting. The bat population is severely decreased also. Who wants a town totally bereft of wildlife? That is what we are heading for if some of your proposals come to fruition.

Your proposals for community facilities to go along with all the new housing include a community hall. Why I ask is the one proposed at the Riversmeet site not going ahead, before considering another one . A central good community hall is what we need and the sooner the better. It is in a good central location at Hardings Lane so why have another?

On the subject of the proposed road linking the B3081 and B3092 ,has it been considered that this will create a by-pass to the town and is likely to create a "rat-run" through Majeston and the mill at Ecliffe through Common Mead Lane to Wyke Road and hence to the 303? At present Cole street Lane provides this link albeit a very poor road which fortunately puts people off using it(especially this weather). Once there is a good link road through this will encourage people to avoid the town. The traffic at present in the morning rush hour is extremely slow along the Shaftesbury road so people will soon find the alternative and cause problems in the narrow lanes around Ecliffe which are unsuitable for heavy traffic anyway. The traffic impact created by 1490 more houses is unthinkable, the town will come to a stand-still at certain times of the day.

I think you will drive people away from Gillingham if such proposals happen, I certainly hope I won't be around if all these changes are implemented.

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