

Dear Sir,

21<sup>st</sup> January 2014

Re; Development between Bayfields and Bay Lane.

We are writing to strongly object to the proposed building on a green field between Bayfields and Bay Lane.

We have lived in Barnaby Mead for nearly 24 years and lived and worked in Gillingham all our lives bringing up our children in a safe area.

During this period we have seen too many green fields swallowed up by housing developments for the towns need.

The field between Bayfields and Bay Lane has always provided a buffer to separate the Town from the Bay area with only a Footpath allowing Pupils to walk to School avoiding the Town Traffic.

There are some fantastic views from the Footpath that proposed housing would block. Mere Downs, Castle Hill at Mere, Bowridge Hill, Shaftesbury and 5 churches all of which will disappear should this land be built on.

There is already the new Bayfields Estate that have had 54 houses built on a green field, the proposed new development is on a smaller field and with a Flood Plain the number seems to be ridiculously overestimated and poorly judged.

The High Street is very difficult to get onto from the Barnaby Mead junction and should building go ahead more vehicles going up and down the High Street and Barnaby Mead road will cause more congestion.

The Town really does lack Green Space at present and so this development will make matters worse.

With so many new houses proposed to be built between St Marys School and Madjeston is it really necessary to build on a small green field ?

It is the only buffer between Bay and the Town that could provide a valuable open space that the public could continue to enjoy.

