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Objection

The Neighbourhood Plans says, “The policies also seek to protect the essential countryside character of the settlement gaps between Southbourne, Nutbourne and Hermitage/Lumley/Thornham so that development does not lead to settlement coalescence, despite the large-scale expansion of Southbourne.”

This is clearly not true. The proposed level of new housing in Southbourne and Nutbourne closes settlement gaps and will lead to settlement coalescence.

Apart from the detrimental impact of so many new houses on the community there appears little consideration of dramatic increase in traffic, and attendant emissions, on roads, which are already struggling to cope. How many cars will come with 1250 new houses? Where are the extra school places, doctors’ surgeries and sporting and other amenities? Facilities for the treatment of sewage and wastewater are already inadequate following the relatively small increase in housing from the old plan.

All this plan will do is to make a major contribution to obliterating green strategic gaps and creating an urban sprawl from Emsworth to Chichester.

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