

Rendlesham Neighbourhood Plan

I write in support of the Neighbourhood Plan.

When we moved to Rendlesham eight years ago it was with the expectation that the then facilities, particularly the gym and theatre, would endure and that as the population expanded new facilities would be added.

The opposite has happened and Rendlesham is in danger of becoming a dormitory development with no heart or sense of community were the current planning application to build more housing in the village centre to be successful. Developers seem only to see the opportunity to make fast bucks with little regard for infrastructure or the quality of life for residents.

Thankfully we are fortunate to have a pro-active Parish Council who have pledged to keep the centre of the village for community use incorporating all the facilities a diverse community needs to gel and develop.

I belong to several groups who struggle to find suitable places to meet and with space to encourage new membership.

As a nation we are encouraged to take up sports and keep fit whilst in our midst a formally excellent facility built to a high specification by the Americans has been allowed to decay. This could be a hub for health for all abilities not just for Rendlesham but for East Suffolk.

Healthy living and eating would also be served by the provision of allotments and again would encourage a community feel.

On a personal note I would appeal for the long promised development of a footpath network out of Rendlesham and into the Forest and to the neighbouring villages to reach fruition. We must be unique, as a village, in being fenced in on three sides.

Please ensure that the plan is accepted so that our community can flourish.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully

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