

## **TOWN COUNCIL WELCOMES HOUSES PLAN DEFERRAL**

Town Council Leader James Baldwin welcomed the deferral of the consultation over the Area Action Plan by the District Council on October 19 by 27 votes to 0. Cllr Baldwin said ‘This document is fundamental to the future of the Town and has to be one that fully and accurately presents the choices and options facing us. Clearly District Members felt this was not the case with the draft offered on October 19.’

James Baldwin went on ‘We note in particular that East Grinstead District Council Members argued that the draft failed to deal adequately with the relief road and other issues related to the massive scale of development now proposed.

Cllr Baldwin concluded, ‘The Town Council will continue to press even more strongly the case on behalf of the Town for a level of development that does not threaten its character and brings with it clear benefits and safeguards for its existing population. We’ve always said that an effective and environmentally sound relief road is key: and now we’re being heard. The Town Council looks forward to a really meaningful consultation exercise when the Area Action Plan has been redrafted that gives all the facts and options for the Town to enable it to make a truly informed decision on its future’