

**Call for Sites**  
**Residents Comments**  
**AREA 4**

**Site 155**

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**Site 155**

flooding and impact on roads

Another flood plain that will cause issues for the entire village

damage to village envelope

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**Site 295**

Marden has already been developed enough - site doubles the size of the village

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**Site 314**

Marden full to capacity - not more development should be allowed

Flood zone and poor access

Too many units in centre of village

how the hell can you get 60 units here? again on flood plain

flood zone, too much traffic

Yet another flood zone proposal

Already considerable long standing disruption in the area - Appledown Grange: traffic problems and parking issues

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**Site 269, 295 and 314**

My main objection is to Call for sites plots 314, 295 and 269 as I have a particular interest in the natural environment that they currently serve.

Plots 269 is a pasture field and has been ever since I moved into the village 10 yrs ago and speaking to my neighbours, some whom have lived here for up 50 year, they say it has always been a pasture. On the Call for site application forms though it has been labelled as a brownfield site and I cannot see this being correct. I feel this is an attempt to push it through planning permission because it has already been turned down twice as far I am aware.

Plot 314 & 295, although separately owned are actually one working Orchard which I have spent a lot of time walking around to get myself out into the beauty of Kent which we have here.

This is where my main objection comes in. I am so worried about the Wildlife that currently occupy these 3 sites which I have personally been able to observe and admire. They support such a array of wildlife any development would be greatly detrimental and I want to stand up for them. My wife has been severely upset about the potential damage to nature that I found her crying and getting very upset about it all.

These sites support a wonderful array of birdlife, like the rare Yellowhammer and we have even heard nightingales in the summer months. There are resident grass snakes, lizards, great crested newts, multitude of different dragonflies, fish and many other aquatic animals in the ponds on plot 295. There are resident Buzzards, a sight I did not see when we moved in. We now have hundreds of wintering fieldfares and redwings, sparrowhawks, kestrels, green woodpeckers, chaffinches, redpolls, sparrows, dunnocks, blackbirds, thrushes, and many many more birds. There are many badger tracks and I have also found evidence of deer using these plots. There are an amazing variety of tree life, plants and fungi that too are under great threat. I could go on and on about all the different species of wildlife that would be majorly disturbed by any further development. As a member of the RSPB and the WWF I believe we must protect the wildlife we have and find more appropriate locations to develop more housing. This area is not suitable for any further development and redevelopment of old existing sites around main town locations should be looked at instead. We are currently entering a climate crisis and this form of development is not pertinent to keep our environment safe and sound for future generations. Please do what you can to stop this from going any further and protect the beautiful Garden of England that we are so lucky to have now.