

Question for Richborough Estates for a member of the public

I have had correspondence with Cllr Mike Croker of HDC and Bramber, who tells me that Richborough's response to the "water neutrality" issue is that there will be no problem at Glebe Farm. They say they have a "special licence" and that water is drawn from a Wiston Estate private supply.

I would challenge that statement, because the Wiston Estate is supplied from Hardham Reservoir, which is at the heart of this neutrality issue.

The Committee may also note the NP examiner's suggestion that Glebe Farm may not be needed in order to answer the housing requirement in the Horsham area, due to other NP's being 'made' and many new houses built as a result.

Response form Richborough Estates

Our proposed development will be fed by the local water supply network with Southern Water's earlier developer responses to us confirming that the development is outside of the affected zone.

Now however we are aware of Southern Water indicating that there may be a supply from Hardham, however we have responded with our recent report indicating why the development is not impacted and there are opportunities within Southern Water's existing licence arrangements, particularly that of the Steyning Borehole abstraction and Upper Beeding Reservoirs also providing water to the local network.

So at this point we're still waiting on feedback from Southern Water – but it's a fluid (pardon the pun...) situation at present.