

100 houses on the fields overlooking Shadycombe Creek, Salcombe will damage our beautiful estuary irrevocably and invite further development along its shores. But this is what the District Council proposes.

These fields, the Crofts have been protected against development for 50 years and form the backdrop to many views from the town, the harbour, Snapes Point, East Portlemouth and even Chivelstone. They have been protected against development for 50 years. The beauty of the harbour is the reason that Salcombe is attractive to visitors.

The housing will climb up the fields to the skyline. The damage done will probably not stop there because the access roads provided will invite further development of the fields nearer Batson

You can see the detailed proposals on the SHDC website by going to Item 10 of the Agenda for the Council meeting of 17th December. The hyperlink is:

http://www.southhams.gov.uk/administration/committee_agendas/council/17Dec09/agenda.htm

A group of residents strongly object to this outrageous proposal -

- * it is a green-field site when there are other sites available within Salcombe's development boundary,
- * it is a significant erosion of the beauty of the harbour which is the town's main attraction to visitors,
- * it is highly visible from the town, the harbour, Snapes Point and East Portlemouth,
- * the access roads will lead to development of further fields around Batson Creek,
- * it is an expensive site to develop as much of it slopes at 30 degrees, all existing access roads are single track, hence no affordable houses can be built on it,
- * these fields are a County Wildlife Site and a habitat for 2 protected species.

Government guidance that housing sites should first use brown-field sites within the development boundary and be near schools has been ignored. There is insufficient evidence that the planners have adequately considered the effect of this proposal and the use of other sites.

Please come to the Town Council meeting 6.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 10th February at Cliff House and help us convince the planners that they ought to think again.

Please write to Graham Swiss, Head of Forward Planning, SHDC, Salcombe Town Council and the District Councillors Paul Coulson and John Carter. You can use the Key Points of Concern and the suggestions in the Alternatives for Salcombe Housing below as well as the points above to help frame your letter.

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Postal addresses will be found on the Town Council and District Council websites. The hyperlinks are: http://www.salcombetowncouncil.gov.uk/Core/SalcombeTC/Pages/Whos_Who_1.aspx and http://www.southhams.gov.uk/index/council_index/nav-councillors/ksp_councillors/search_for_councillor.htm

