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The MGC sub-committee which has been set up to look at proposed developments within the village has again been active. We have submitted comments and observations to Wealden District Council in relation to two proposed developments at the top end of Straight Half Mile.

We are obviously delighted with the result of the planning appeal in relation to Mill House Farm, and more recently the result of another appeal concerning the land at the rear of Park Farm Barn. Both these results show that the Planning Inspectors are keen to preserve our village and the green spaces we all enjoy. But we mustn't be complacent, as developers are keen to exploit the current lack of a housing plan within Wealden.

A number of us attended the presentation by Brookworth Homes at a Maresfield Parish Council meeting in January. This was a presentation about the proposed change to the development on Straight Half Mile. (There is currently planning permission for 25 houses to be built on half of the field). The new proposal still limits the build to 25 but now covers the whole site. The application isn't up on the Wealden Planning portal yet, but when it is, we will be examining it closely and making comment and observations as we deem necessary.

At a recent meeting of the sub-committee we discussed better ways of getting the message out. Although we contribute to the Parish magazine, and use this website for updates, we know there is so much more we could and should be doing to advise everyone in the village of what is going on when it comes to development matters. So if you are up to speed with social media and would like to get involved in preserving our village for future generation to enjoy, please contact us via the MCG email address and we can have a chat.

As always, if you hear of any development matters that you would like us to look into please get in touch.