



Mr D Morgan  
Inspector  
APP/Y3615/W/16/3151098

23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017

Dear Sir

I emailed your caseworker Leanne Palmer, on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May to ask her to inform you of a serious incident that occurred on the 17<sup>th</sup> May in connection with the above Appeal. On the 19<sup>th</sup> she replied suggesting that as the Inquiry is currently sitting I should bring it to your attention at the Inquiry.

Effingham residents are overwhelmingly against the Appeal and at their request the Residents Association (EFFRA) produced posters against the Appeal which have been up in the village for some weeks without any serious problems. On the morning of Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May, shortly before your scheduled visit to Effingham, most of the posters were physically removed or defaced. Most boards and poles to which the posters were attached, many of which were on private property, were broken or stolen. As this constituted theft and criminal damage it has been reported to the police and given an incident number. A group of three men, who are not believed to be local, were seen in the village acting suspiciously around the time of the incident. EFFRA is appealing for more witnesses on our website [www.effinghamresidents.org.uk](http://www.effinghamresidents.org.uk)

I contacted Berkeley Homes and the Howard School to inform them of the incident and to ask for any information they might have. The school has replied and said they do not condone such actions. Berkeley has acknowledged my email. Residents have now replaced most of the posters and we trust that there will be no recurrence of this incident.

Yours sincerely

Vivien White  
Chairman, EFFRA