

<b>COMMITTEE DATE:</b>	<b>15 February 2024</b>
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**APPLICATION NO: RR/2023/1487/P**

**Site Address: Blackfriars – Land at, Battle**

**Proposal: Variation of Condition 1 imposed on planning permission RR/2022/1330/P to allow further design improvements including changes to unit types, plot layouts, parking, materials, and landscaping and proposal for the whole site to be market housing.**

Planning Notice:

3 additional objections, including from Ewhurst and Westfield Parish Councils, received in the preceding weekend raising the following concerns as summarised:

- Spiralling costs. There should be another public meeting.
- As the applicant is not a private developer but RDC they should be providing affordable housing. They need to further explore options to provide some level of affordable housing to be part of the solution to the housing crisis.
- Should be meeting the needs of the local housing register.
- Was the development properly risk assessed prior to starting development.
- The heating pumps are expensive and presume contribute to the unviable nature of the development for affordable housing.
- Is there an RSL for this site and if so why have they backed out now?
- Rent levels quoted in the FVA are low.
- Loss of all affordable housing is contrary to policy.
- What happens if this site continues to lose money? It is concerning as this is potentially public funds being impacted.

It is noted that not all comments relate to planning matters.

**RECOMMENDATION: AS REPORT**