

From ECC Cllr Robert Mitchell.

Firstly, I am **extremely** disappointed that residents & representatives are not able to speak personally, where the technology is already in use, and allows allotted time. Political debate & planning representations often include reasoned passion and **emphasis** that will likely will be lost this evening, nullifying the efforts of a committed local voice.

Just as I made comment in December, I do so now as a neighbour to this proposed development, reminding current Members that I was BDC Councillor for this ward for the 16 years prior to last May.

I should remind the panel that this is the first stage in a **strategic** Crown Estates master-plan for **1000 homes** in Feering which emerged in early 2015, more than doubling the size of this village of 850 homes. The development under discussion should therefore be the flagship that leads the way in innovation, sustainable development and considerate, future-proofed, dovetailing with the current edge of our ancient village.

Sadly, despite a most reasonable meeting held at BDC with Emma Goodings; the MD & Development manager of Bloor Homes, in early March, we have a development that, although notably improved in many areas as requested by this committee in December, still offers significant flaws, with the only “**flagship**” being the battleship of three-story flats setting an unwelcome precedent in Feering, where such massive dwellings have never existed.

Sympathy with the old and innovation for the future remain limited, where other developments in the BDC area, as mentioned in December, have been more forward-thinking.

I ask the Committee to very closely consider the impact of any decision to approve this current application without amendment.