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Case Officer Michael Eastham

Dear Mr Eastham, please will you register my Objection to the above planning application.

I am one of, I understood 700 households who voted against this development in the earlier consultation. My reasons objecting then, remain now.

Anyone knowing the area will vouch that Ford Rd is a current traffic nightmare and Torton Hill and Canada Rds are the 'rat run' relief roads and the numerous potholes show they struggle to cope now! To add 90 dwellings here and more at the old Gas Works on Ford Rd is crazy -how will the roads cope then? How will the traffic be managed especially if the 1000 house developments get the go ahead in Ford!

There are numerous brown field sites owned by the Norfolk Estate nearer the centre of Arundel whose development would not lead to so much congestion as residents would be able to walk to the shops, restaurants, schools, Victoria Institute, the Castle, the Festival, library, farmers market, churches etc. Surely these brownfield sites must be explored first. Arundel could not cope with another 100 plus cars from outside trying to park for all the above.

The land that is being considered for this development, you can see from the Estates pictures, is a wonderful natural environment - what a shame to damage this, whilst all the redundant Estate stabling/barns /housing remain largely uninhabited.

(It is also a shame that significant numbers of properties in the town centre remain empty for use only as second homes at the weekend or holidays!)

In terms of flooding, this area is subject to numerous water springs emerging in the winter months with excess water coming to the surface - explore the woods nearby. Currently nature largely deals with this – but, put 90 houses and thousands of tons of concrete and tarmac and be prepared for the unintended consequences. You should also note that with our increasingly hot dry summers the nearby houses in the area are being subjected to subsidence as the subsoil dries out. Your developer may want to consider this and the extra costs to deal with these seasonal extremes on this geology.

The other major concern we have in this sudden surge in development is how the local services will cope. I understand for example that it is already incredibly difficult to get a Doctor's appointment - how will the surgery cope with another 200 to 300 patients and how will the existing Arundel residents feel about the stress this will eventually cause them struggling to see a doctor.

In conclusion, I feel this is too large a development in the wrong area, it is likely to change the character of the area and pose huge stress to existing services, create traffic congestion, noise and stress to the local residents and wildlife.

The Norfolk Estate brownfield sites with redundant buildings must be considered first.

Yours sincerely

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