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Hello

Please see attached representation for your application.

Many Thanks

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When approached during the last public consultation to vote for, or against the proposed development of 90 houses on the Ford Road greenfield site, residents were given a stark option. Vote for this development to go ahead or lose your right to vote against any further developments in Arundel. This was a clear and blatant abuse of power by those in public office and their behaviour was shameful.

Looking at the plans, this housing estate was aimed at being passed on the principle of providing affordable starter homes for first time buyers. However, it has come to light that only a small percentage of houses would be for that sector. In reality, this is a back door ploy to build larger more expensive houses to make the developers rich and those with their hands outstretched for rich pickings, not to mention the land owner. Like all small developments, it's a proven first stage of urban sprawl that is spreading along the south coast.

Why is this particular piece of green belt suitable for this development? First, and most importantly, Ford Road is totally inadequate for the existing level of traffic, the road itself is not made for the volume of heavy lorries, yet we have some of the largest vehicles using this road often causing chaos to the approach of California Terrace and the A27 round-a-bout.

During the public consultation for the proposed new by-pass back in 2018, not one consideration of Ford Road was taken or even considered to ease the traffic congestion. When we approached a young man and inquired about a possible junction from Ford Road to the new by-pass, he astonishingly asked. "Where is Ford Road? Please point it out to me."

Ford Road is the most dangerous road in the vicinity, with its long straight stretch causing drivers to speed in both directions with no regard for walkers nor cyclists and there's no suitable pavements or cycle lanes. There's no reduction in speed as they approach the corner of Priory Lane and no heed to traffic exiting this Lane, this is an area we residents refer to as death corner because cars and vans often cut the corner due to speed.

As long term residents of Ford Road we have witness and been participants of close shaves of potentially serious accidents, well accidents is the wrong word. wilful, careless and dangerous driving. There has been a spate of overtaking in a 30 mile an hour limit whilst residents are turning into their driveways, road rage incidents and excessive speeding. When these episodes are reported, zero action is taken. We wrote to a police sergeant based at Arundel only for the pillock to write back with the words, and i quote. 'What do you expect us to do about it, of course they will speed, it's a straight road.' We sent a letter to our MP Nick Gibbs, all we received was a letter saying he would pass it on tho the relevant authorities. No joy there either. As for the rat runs through Torton Hill Estate, the local authority can't even maintain the appalling state of these roads.

Flooding is also a major concern, surface water flows into the water meadows as there's no main drainage along Ford Road. We are on a wing and a prayer every time we have a prolonged storm. During the latter part of last year it took a considerable amount of requests and complaints from multiple residents over a period of several months, just to get the drains along Ford Road cleared to prevent serious flooding.

Added to the above, these extra homes will inevitably put greater pressure to our amenities already stretched for the population of Arundel.

