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I object to the planning application for a new housing development in Arundel on Ford Road/Priory Lane (AB/135/20/OUT). This is an inappropriate development for numerous reasons:

- The site encompasses an ancient hedgerow, which is habitat for many types of wildlife, as well as providing a corridor for protected species of bats.
- The site is a substantial distance from local train stations and bus services, forcing residents toward car dependency, something that must not be encouraged given the climate and ecological emergency.
- The development will push more traffic onto the already busy Ford road, creating additional noise and danger for existing residents along the road.
- The site is very close to a flood plain, and the development on that site, by concreting over existing green space, will create additional runoff which may exacerbate future flooding events.

- Development on green space outside the town furthers urban sprawl, and encourages more development along the same route which will ultimately eliminate the separation between Arundel and Ford.

Arundel is a semi-rural community with beautiful views, and a rich population of wildlife. All over the country, sprawling developments are destroying wildlife habitats, replacing green, carbon absorbing countryside with ugly carbon emitting buildings, and these often fail to provide the social and affordable housing we need. I don't want this to happen in my community.

We should not be building any housing on green spaces, especially when there are numerous brown field sites and existing buildings which could be used. Recent changes in shopping habits and increased homeworking have left us with many unused office buildings and town centre shops which could easily be converted to housing without harming our environment. Re-development creates more truly affordable houses in areas which already have excellent access to transport links, jobs and food shopping. These are the types of housing projects the council should be supporting, not the Ford Road proposal.

Regards,

Jean Norton