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Your Ref: OWPC16994
Our Ref: AB/148/17/PL 12-12-2017
Please ask for:
Mrs A Gardner

23rd January 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015

To provide 4 No. detached houses on existing semi natural woodland site. This application is a Departure from the Development Plan.

Wooded Land South West of Dalloway Road Arundel

Thank you for your internet representation made on 23rd January 2018 which has been recorded as '**an objection**' with the comments as follows:

As a regular user of the footpath which goes through this proposed site I strongly object to the plans to develop this ecologically valuable habitat that provides many Arundel residents with pleasure and supports diverse wildlife. In Spring this wooded area is carpeted with native bluebells and wood anemone and in the wood edge nearest the lane, directly where the houses would be sited is the only place in the Arundel and wider area that I have found a Common Cow Wheat (Melampyrum pratense) growing. Common Cow Wheat is a rare hemi-parasitic species, that relies on nearby plant and tree roots for its own nutrients and a small patch was growing beneath the oaks in this patch. As well as being rare in this area this plant is also the food plant of the even rarer Heath Fritillary butterfly which is dependant on the Cow-wheat as the primary foodplant for its caterpillars. In addition I have seen Roe deer, Tawny Owls, various song birds and many other insect and bird species using this section for food and shelter. As the proposed development will damage and impact on existing wildlife and local users access to this amenity and will not address or provide affordable housing I feel that such a sacrifice of land for developers profit is not a price worth paying. I strongly urge detailed ecological surveys are done prior to any development so that fragile species are protected and pray that this application is refused.

Your views will be considered before the application is determined and I shall write to inform you of any decision made.

Please be aware that if the application is to be determined by the Council's Development Control committee and your letter has been received at a late stage after the Agenda has been published you will not receive a separate letter notifying you of the date of the meeting and procedures for public speaking. In such circumstances it is recommended that you track the progress of the application on the Council's website or telephone the Council for further information. Please be advised that any comments you make that are not included within the Committee Agenda will be reported to the Members of the Development Control committee. Please also be aware that only a small number of all planning applications received go the Development Control Committee. Most are determined under delegated powers by Officers in which case your comments will again be considered before the application is determined.

Please be aware that Planning Services operate an 'open file' policy and will publish details of your comments on the internet on the Arun District Council Planning section. Please ensure that you only provide information that you are happy will be made available in this way. If you supply information belonging to a third party, please ensure you have their permission to do so. If you do not wish your comments to appear on the 'open file' please confirm this in writing and I will arrange

for it to be destroyed although this means that its contents will then be disregarded.

In the event of a subsequent written representations appeal, against a refusal of planning permission on a householder application, any representations made on the application will be automatically forwarded to the Secretary of State. Unlike all other types of appeal, there will be no further opportunity to comment at the appeal stage.

Yours faithfully

Neil Crowther
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