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I would like to register my opposition to the Renaissance development plan in Fitzalan Road, Arundel.

I cannot express strongly enough my dismay at the prospect of yet more flats for the elderly in a town the size of Arundel when there is a clear and very pressing need for housing suitable for young families and affordable rented accommodation. I have lived in Arundel for over twenty years and have seen the demographic changes caused by the influx of second properties, holiday lets and steeply rising rents. A whole generation of young creatives who once gave life and vitality to the community have long since been forced to leave the town.

I am totally against such high density housing schemes in Arundel, such as the Renaissance proposal, that rise above and dominate both the existing residential homes and the townscape in general. The implications in terms of loss of light and privacy of this proposal would be overwhelming for surrounding residents.

Over development new builds of this nature are a sure way of both undermining the very character of the town and the architectural qualities that draw in the visitors on which Arundel's economy so much depends. The addition of 46 luxury flats with inadequate provision for off road parking for all residents, visiting families, staff, carers and other support staff would also dramatically exacerbate the already desperate on street parking situation in the town.

In addition to all the above, the risk of flooding is clearly an issue in an area that is already vulnerable and designated part of the Arundel floodplain, as, I believe, Southern Water has drawn attention to.

For all these reasons the Renaissance proposal is in breach of the Arundel Neighbourhood Plan.

However, my primary personal objection to the Renaissance proposal is that it does not contribute to the existing lack of affordable housing for young people in Arundel. The site could be so much better utilised by retaining the character of the old Swallow Brewery building for conversion to affordable flats and by building much lower density cottage style

homes incorporating a proportion of low cost properties for rent.

