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**Arun District Council,
Arun Civic Centre,
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Your reference B/36/18/PL - re Block of Flats in Fitzalan Road, Arundel.

In over 50 years in the property profession I don't think I have ever witnessed a poorer or less thought out application for development and in the event of your so approving, I will just say "I'm glad I'm not young any more". (Maurice Chevalier -1958).

I appreciate that more housing is required both nationally and locally but "46 flats, exclusively for the elderly" is certainly not what is required. There is already sufficient accommodation "for the elderly" in Arundel. And if as the application states that they are to be "luxury flats" then they will only be affordable by the fairly wealthy elderly and here again there is already plenty of luxury accommodation in the town. All one need do is look in the windows of the plethora of estate agents in the town.

The prefix 'luxury' further implies that the owners will need to be fairly well to do, which in turn implies one, if not two cars per household. Surprise! The elderly still drive! This application proposes less than three quarters of a car space per household and assumes that they will be lonely individuals, never to be visited by family, friends, cleaners, window or house, carers, the list goes on! Unless of course they all arrive by public transport or live locally. But where will these, probably less well to do folk live locally? There is not exactly an oversupply of so-called 'affordable' accommodation in Arundel. You will look in vain for such in the windows of the aforementioned estate agents!

This complete lack of visitors' spaces will just add to parking in the already overcrowded streets, give work to the traffic wardens and help to bring forward the demise of the high street shops.

Arundel is tourist town and public car parking must be given to accommodating the 'grockles'. Unless of course you, A.D.C. are looking for an increase in revenue from parking fines. The shortage of car parking, aggravated by this application, will drive local shoppers into the hands/carparks of the supermarkets in the vicinity. (There are 23 supermarkets within ten miles of Arundel!).

There is no doubt that there are other reasons for objecting but methinks the above is sufficient!



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