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Your Ref: OWPC15628
Our Ref: AB/77/17/PL 31-05-2017
Please ask for:
Mr D Easton

20th September 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Demolition of existing dwelling & buildings. Erection of a block of 45 sheltered apartments for the elderly (comprising 21 x one bedroom apartments and 24 x two bedroom apartments age restricted to 60 years and over); with associated access, electric buggy/cycle store, refuse bin store & 34 parking spaces. This application affects the setting of a Listed Building & the character & appearance of the Arundel Conservation Area.

Blastreat Limited and Adjoining Greenhurst Fitzalan Road Arundel

Thank you for your internet representation made on 19th September 2017 which has been recorded as **'an objection'** with the comments as follows:

Arundel does not need ANOTHER Retirement Home. We already have more than enough, and there are always at least a dozen retirement flats empty and for sale at any one time. Given the 'nature' of these properties, there is ALWAYS going to be properties available!

This developer has clearly not checked out the market needs because if they had, they would have found that what we DO NEED is affordable housing. We do not want Arundel to become a town of retired people! We need young families and that means affordable housing.

This number of homes would cause untold traffic chaos in Fitzalan Rd. The road in this vicinity is very narrow. There is a constant stream of large delivery trucks for the Co-op, and this together with current general traffic, vans and lorries with very limited parking, would make it a nightmare to navigate.

This low lying land in Arundel is also prone to flooding during the winter months and gets worse year on year. Such a huge building on a piece of land already surrounded by houses will only make things worse.

From what I understand, this tower block of flats would be a complete eyesore on the beautiful landscape of Arundel, which should be PROTECTED. It would mean the houses to the back in Queens Lane would have no privacy in their gardens whatsoever, and would severely de-value their homes. The properties to the front in Fitzalan Road would have a barrage of windows, doors and balconies looking onto, into, over and down on them!

A dozen houses, thoughtfully designed and in keeping with the character of the town, with sufficient parking for the owners and their visitors, and sufficient gardens for family use, would be the ideal solution and to which I don't think anyone would object.

Arun District Council would be doing a great dis-service to the people of Arundel if they allowed this quite unnecessary application to go ahead in ANY SHAPE OR FORM.

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 to 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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