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Dear Sir/Madam,

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Town & Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 5

Application No: AL/11/24/OUT
Site Address: Land East of Westergate Westergate
Description of works: Hybrid application consisting of: 1) Outline permission for all matters reserved (except access) for up to 400 No dwellings and associated works and 2) Full planning permission for alterations to site access off Westergate Street and through Pine Close and east-west link road including a bridge over the Lidsey Rife. This application also lies within the parish of Barnham, falls within Strategic Site SD5, CIL Zone 1 (Zero Rated), affects the setting of listed buildings, affects the character and appearance of the Eastergate Church Lane Conservation Area, affects public rights of way. This application is the subject of an Environmental Statement.

Thank you for your internet representation made on 21st February 2024 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

OWPC64937

Dear Sirs,

I strongly object to this application.

It is proposed on green field space and will have a significant impact on our countryside, views and local habitat.

The over development of our villages is currently causing significant problems with infrastructure.

The allocated land is often extremely wet and soggy with patches of flooding, and will only add to the ongoing flooding of our roads and residential areas.

Many of our roads cannot take the increased traffic with potholes and cracks left for months without repairs, as well as the problems of lengthy rush hour queues.

Our waste water systems are at breaking point with ongoing sewer works in Elm Grove, Barnham Lane, and expected occasional works on Barnham Road for a year or more.

Applications often reference the shops and facilities available in Barnham which, as well as currently a constant nightmare with roadworks, lacks free parking, and has many vehicles parking dangerously partially blocking the road, and leaving pedestrians taking their lives into their hands trying to get around.

We already have significant problems with ongoing crime, especially in Barnham- it is getting worse and not better so the police presumably will be struggling to cope with a greater population (ie, more bikes to be stolen, more cars and property to be broken into or vandalised).

We have no NHS dentist in under a 30 minute drive.

Our new doctors surgery remains unfinished and it's still virtually impossible to get an appointment within 8 weeks.

Our schools are at capacity with families moving into the area having to send their children to schools outside the area.

This development of 400 homes means over 1,000 new residents (adults and children) needing doctors, dentists, schools, jobs, public transport, parking, up to 800 more cars entering and exiting existing roads and junctions, more pressure on waste water services that are already unable to cope, more concrete covered areas that are already flooding.

With many new homes being proposed in developments, there is hardly any new commercial development being considered allowing the people moving into the village to setup businesses, to have access to storage, and to potentially provide jobs for others.

As a resident of Aldignbourne I cannot support an application of this scale at this time until we have significantly improved infrastructure and services to support it.

Yours faithfully,

Jonathan Leahy

Your views as made above will be considered before the application is determined.

Please be aware that Planning Services operate an 'open file' policy and will publish your comments including your name and address on the website. Please make sure that you have only provided information that you are happy will be published in this way. If you have supplied information belonging to a third party, you must make sure you have their permission to do so. If you do not wish your comments to appear on the website or on the file you will need to confirm this by emailing to planning@arun.gov.uk and I will arrange for it to be destroyed although this means that the content will then be disregarded.

The majority of applications are determined under delegated powers by officers. Further information on the decision making process can be found on the website at :<https://www.arun.gov.uk/what-happens-next>.

Some applications will be determined by the Planning Committee, and I shall write and inform you of the date of the meeting and the procedures for public speaking if this is the case. However, if your representation has been received after the agenda for the meeting has been finalised and the notifications have been generated, you will not receive notification. In this case, you will need to track the progress of the application on the council's website <https://www.arun.gov.uk/planning-application-search>

Any comments that are received after the agenda has been finalised will be separately reported to the members of the Planning Committee.

Regardless of how the application is determined I will notify you of the decision.

Yours sincerely



Neil Crowther
Group Head of Planning

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