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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 25th March 2024 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

OWPC65713

There are many reasons why this development should not go ahead.

1. The proposed site is a very important area for the residents to enjoy open space, meet and walk with dogs, enjoy the wonderful wildlife and to help their mental well being. It has a biodiversity corridor running through it with a very important chalk stream. The Aldingbourne Parish neighbourhood development plan protects this area with policies EH2 Green infrastructure and Ecosystems. EH4 Protection of watercourses. EH5 Surface water management plan. EH6 Protection of trees and hedgerows. There are many wildlife animals, reptiles and birds living and breeding in the area that I have witnessed over the years. Examples:- Kingfishers, water voles, egrets, deer, foxes, bats, slow worms and lizards, buzzards and hawks, owls, woodpeckers, wrens and many more. This is such a precious area for them and us!

2. We do not need more housing in the area as we cannot fill the houses that have recently been built! There are families being offered local housing from outside of the area (Crawley and Surrey) so it looks good for Arun District Housing. I heard on the radio only last week about the housing crisis in these areas, so now we are the ones having to sort this issue out by building houses for them! And so it goes on!

3. There has been constant problems over the years of sewage spilling into the fields from five inspection covers and then running into the Eastergate Rife. This problem is being caused by the over burdened sewage pipes as they cannot cope with the demands of houses already in the area. I have contacted Southern Water on a number of occasions about this serious problem as it is health hazard and I don't get any response. They have placed hay bails and hazard tape around the sewage as a 'dealing with the issue" which is unacceptable. Obviously Lindsey sewage treatment works is beyond capacity and is unable to deal with its present volume.

3. Vehicles from the proposed development onto Westergate Street will put more pressure on traffic movement that is already a problem many times during the day. Aldingbourne School is only a short distance from the proposed access which is obviously very busy twice a day. Woodgate crossing is just a bit further causing more hold ups, and two pedestrian crossings both sides of proposed access to development. Let alone the suggestion of four way traffic lights on the junction leading out to Westergate Street.

4. The flooding in the area has caused major disruption over the past few months. There has been ongoing excessive building on green spaces throughout the local area which has lead to these problems. A recent Southern Water response was to "strongly advise against" additional homes being built around the Barnham area as the area is overburdened especially during periods of heavy rainfall.

5. Schools in the area are already full, so any extra families moving into the area with young children will have to travel outside the area to receive education. Surgeries and dental practises have limited availability which leads to lengthy waiting times for appointments.

6. I firmly object to the planning application AL/11/24/OUT.

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

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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



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