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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 28th March 2024 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

OWPC65895

The current planned build site is part of the biodiversity corridor within the Aldingbourne Parish Neighbourhood Plan, the above plan would destroy all the wildlife and trees and hedgerows. The Aldingbourne Parish neighbourhood plan protects these areas under a number of key policies; EH2 Green Infrastructure & Ecosystem, EH4 Protection of watercourses, EH5 Surface water management plan, EH6 Protection of trees and hedgerows.

The fields are flooded through much of the winter, much due to the over pressured water network locally. We have already locally had the collapsed sewer in Barnham due to the additional houses in the area. There is still a road closure in place at writing this.

Fontwell Avenue (A29) has spent most of the winter like a running stream. The other roads around the six villages are also under strain with queues at key times of the day and some very dangerous pot holes. There are also traffic lights every other turn for the continued drainage tankers in operation. The current A29 into Shipney has also spent much of the winter under water, again no thanks to the poor sewerage network which is already at capacity and yet we have had more houses and building works in the area.

I struggle to see how adding 400 homes is going to help any of the above unless these issues highlighted are corrected. Sorting the new A29 route out first would be a far more sensible approach, particularly as this planning application is but a small part of the overall development for the Six Villages area.

Surely the focus needs to be on the infrastructure of the area before adding more problems to an already broken system.

I haven't even touched on lack of school spaces, issues getting a Drs/ Hospital appointment now before adding 400 more homes. Please don't agree this current plan.

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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