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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:

OWPC65897

We would like to add our voice strongly against the planned housing development by Cala Homes on the site behind The Wilkes Head in Eastergate. We fully support ALL the objections raised by Aldingbourne Parish Council and local residents.

Our own reasons for objecting are numerous and listed below:

SEWAGE ISSUES.

Raw sewage visible leaching into the rife, which we are reliably informed is a chalk stream. Regardless of that, surely the council need to prioritise the health and wellbeing of local residents and wildlife....and dogs?

FLOODING>

Serious flooding on several roads in the area.....At one point recently, we felt marooned....Niton, Fontwell, Shripney, Woodgate and Barnham roads were closed. Flood water that Southern Water cannot cope with and is still causing problems. Unless the hydrology issues are properly fixed, 400 new houses can only exacerbate the problem.

NEW HOMES>

The number of new homes in the area built in the last three years is engulfing the area. This IS NOT nimbyism.....it cannot be just coincidence that the stress on the hydrology services coincides with our flooding

and sewage problems, so more homes will surely mean even more problems. So, 400 new homes proposed on this site? Is the council prepared to allow this development and add to the hydrology issues that ALREADY exist? And on this theme.....potentially 4000 new homes on the Manor Farm site???? Seriously? All those acres of Grade 1 farm land to be lost for a start....thought we needed all our growing capacity with global warming, Ukraine issues, etc bearing down on us.

SCHOOLS.

We are led to believe that there already exists a shortage of school places in our area. 400 new homes will obviously add to this problem....apparently, we were told at the parish meeting that children are already being sent to other parts of Sussex for their schooling....and several miles away too! And so to another big question.....will more schools be built to alleviate this problem?

ROADS.

With our roads currently suffering from hideous, dangerous potholes, floods and congestion....how can adding to these problems by building more homes.... (more homes obviously means more cars and more congestion and more stress on the road surface).. even be considered as acceptable?

WILDLIFE.

We have seen photographic evidence, as well as by our own eyes, of sewage spilling into the wildlife corridor...adversely affecting the rife and footpaths. Apart from the wildlife, these are not conducive to the physical and mental health of local residents and dogs.

We would ask the council, with hands on hearts, that if you allow this development to proceed, that you can look your local residents in the eye and say that we have made this decision with your best interests in mind!

Before ANY such development should be allowed to go ahead... we feel the following should be sacrosanct....

1. The biodiversity of the area to be maintained(trees already cut down, sewage spills in the rife) for the benefit of all.

2. All hydrology problems should be solved.

3. School provision issues addressed.

4. The A29 realignment to be completed... current congestion issues at Woodgate crossing will increase with more cars, more train services are planned, we are informed...so level crossing closure times will increase.

We want to stress that this IS NOT nimbyism.....we have seen developments in Fontwell, Shripney, Barnham, Yapton....and have been told that a significant percentage of these new homes are currently empty....h.have our villages not had enough development?

Tony & Anne Eden, West Lodge, Church Lane, Eastergate.

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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