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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:

OWPC65908

28.3.24.: Objection to Planning application - AL/11/24/OUT

Dear Sir/Madam, I am a resident in the Barnham Parish and I am writing to you providing an objection against the proposed building of 400 new homes by Carla Homes in Westergate for the following reasons:

The local sewage systems are already beyond capacity and in disrepair and creating high risk contamination and environmental hazards for locals.

The surrounding and local roads and surfaces of these cannot take further flooding. The overload of water not able to drain in the fields has been flooding the roads, creating so many dangerous pot holes, damaged vehicles, damaging roadsides, transport and travelling problems with diverted traffic, constant and ongoing road closures and diversions or single lane road repairs and sewage lorries on situ for weeks and weeks taking away the local sewage which is already suffering from an already overloaded capacity. This already overloaded and damaged system cannot take further demands from new builds. Raw sewage had already been spilling out into the surrounding fields where walkers, dogs and children play.

Our climate change is bringing warmer winters and regular rain as the norm. The concrete jungle of house building provides no facility for the rain to soak away, so this will end up on our roads with no effective system to drain it away. When will people wake up to what is going on ?

This area is a very popular and well used area of footpaths and fields, providing green spaces for individuals well-being, exercise and mental health support. The fields, stream, hedgerows, and trees, provide the environments for wildlife to exist, which currently support protected birds, fauna & wildlife such as owls, bats, woodpeckers & water vole.

Please see the following policies already in place by Aldingbourne Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan

EH2 green infrastructure & watercourses

EH4 protection of watercourses

EH5 surface water management plan

EH6 protection of trees & hedgerows

The main route to Bognor has been impassable due to the water pouring off the fields into the road due to the massive recent development and surrounding new properties. This completely blocked the main route to Bognor Regis for days.

The services cannot support the villagers as it is. It is impossible to find a dentist, doctor or school spaces for 25/30 miles and yet this massive build invites so many more families to come into an area unable to support those already living here.

Andrew Griffiths needs to walk his talk and stop this continues development by developers who don't live in this area and will not suffer the implications, but will ensure the residents who already live here will. Enough is enough, don't destroy every piece of green land there is in this area.

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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If you have provided an email address, all correspondence including the decision notice will be sent by email. It is therefore important that you keep us informed if this changes during the course of this application.

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