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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 30th March 2024 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

OWPC66034

I fully endorse all the objections that have been put in so far by the residents and neighbours (both within and outside the parish) about the detrimental effect this development, along with others in the area, would have on the infrastructure and life as a whole if planning permission is granted.

We already have more than enough houses in the area, many not being affordable for local people on local wages! This is resulting in people coming into the area that if working, have to commute to work mostly by car which in turn adds to the issues that already exist. There may be new job opportunities coming from the likes of Amazon but these won't be offering the salaries that can afford the mortgages required to purchase said houses.

The applications BN/195/22/OUT 551 Dwellings, BN/11/22/OUT 1250 Dwellings, BN/11/24/OUT 400 Dwellings totaling 2201, plus the already built (but not all sold) 1200 plus, is resulting in the villages losing their identities. Arun District Council our priorities states "delivering the right homes in the right places".....

The main driver of biodiversity loss is with humans use of land and climate change depends on biodiversity as part of the solution.

The biodiversity loss on these Agricultural Grassland fields would be huge should they go to houses and roads. There certainly wouldn't be any net gain. The flora alone supports so much life. In one area alone the

wild thistle that grows attracts large numbers of butterflies, bees, moths and other pollinators. The native species hedgerows support important birdlife and small mammals that are so important to the ecosystem. Put simply, that if plant life stops, all life stops!

As a result of these fields not been intensively farmed over the years (as they are too wet !) the flora has supported a large number of fauna. We back onto these fields at the north end and often hear Munjac Deer at night along with owls and foxes. We observe bats in the evenings flying from the oaks trees foraging for food (oaks alone are known to support 2300 species of life). Hedgehogs are in our garden every year and occasionally slow worms and grass snakes have been seen. We see and hear Kestrels (Amber list) Buzzards and Sparrowhawks and some years Cuckoo (Red list) along with Song Thrush (Amber list) Lesser Spotted Woodpecker (Red list) and many other meadow/woodland birds.

We have seen a Kingfisher down by the stream along with Water voles (Water voles have vanished from 94% of the places they once thrived due to predation and habitat loss. The RSPB are currently asking for donations to help save them !)

The building of houses and all that goes with them on these fields (even though Cala say it would be protected but why when its already there!) will completely destroy this ecosystem where plants, animals and organisms are working together to form a bubble of life !

I totally object to this application.

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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