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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:

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The land east of Westergate is not suitable for housing development. Since the construction of other nearby developments ditches and storm drains have flooded. Raw sewage has spilt and over flowed from 5 manhole covers in the fields the application covers for the past 2 years. The sewage has continually entered the Eastergate rife. No action has been taken to address this. Southern water have stated that Lindsey treatment works are beyond capacity. Southern water have already strongly advised against additional housing in the Barnham area. The local catchment is being over burdened during periods of rainfall. Whilst we have had an exceptional wet winter, this is, we are advised, to become the norm in the future due to climate change. Even small amounts of rainfall during the last 2 years have led to flooding and sewage spills resulting in road closures and damage. The impact on human health is of serious concern.

This is directly affecting the wildlife in what is a biodiversity corridor along the rife. This is a chalk stream. The Aldingbourne parish neighbourhood development plan protects this area under the following key policies, EH2 Green environment and Ecosystems, EH4 Protection of watercourses, EH5 Surface water management plan, EH6 Protection of trees and hedgerows. This location supports, bats, egrets, herons, deer, grass snakes, ducks, kingfishers, voles, mice, tawny owls, Buzzards, to name a few.

Further a considerable impact will be made to the residents as there is simply an insufficient infrastructure to

accommodate further housing. The plans shows entrance and exit routes which will cut through public footpaths which are used daily by school children meaning they will have to cross busy roads placing them selves at risk. The roads often locked in congestion caused by the sheer volume of traffic. This is being increased by a number of active developments in the area. The character of the village and surrounding areas are under threat and if this application is successful then irreversible damage will be caused to the environment.

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](mailto: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



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