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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:

OWPC66050

I'd like to object to this application.

First I'd like to encourage you to live one day like us on Pine Close in Westergate. When I try to leave my house at 8 o'clock in the morning, it can take up to 10 minutes just to leave my close. Current Infrastructure is not working. I cannot imagine how the current roads are going to cope with the huge number of houses(400). I would also like to encourage you to walk along A29 in the morning with your two-year-old to the local nursery or with your four-year-old to the local school. The traffic is not safe. There are cars speeding past, there are huge lorries going through our village at speed or standstill traffic due to the train crossing. I would really like to know how you would feel with your children in tow along this busy road. I'd also encourage you to ring for an appointment for the local GP, I had to wait two months. How do you propose to resolve this when people can't get GP appointments as it is? Adding extra houses is not going to resolve the issues. It is going to make the matters worse and make our villagers every day life even more miserable, and I believe there will be even more danger for our local children.

Also, has anyone measured how much carbon monoxide is being released into the air when the traffic is not moving? Many times I practically run back home with my children so they wouldn't have to breathe in all the fumes- do you know what that feels like when you are two, three year old and you have the fumes blown

straight in to your face? And what it feels like as a mother watching it?

We moved here in 2017 and every now and then we would have a hedgehog in the garden. We haven't had a hedgehog in the garden or I haven't seen a dead hedgehog alongside of the road for a very long time. Building more houses represents more danger to our local creatures. They are dying out. We also have some bats, luckily at the moment, they are still around. Very rarely we can see a deer or a fox or even a jay in the fields. Could you explain to me where are all these animals going to move to if we keep taking the natural habitat? With regards to bees, I have no news. I haven't seen many bees in my garden for years-

Of course, the new access to the proposed site via Pine Close is not viable. The road is too narrow and people use it to park their cars as the ADC granted permission to build 4 bed houses without sufficient parking spaces. Therefore, we are all struggling with parking and any visitors cars.

There are also no spaces available at the local nursery - where are the new residents going enrol their little ones?

I believe current issues need to be addressed before any further development should take place.

Therefore, I would like to object to this application. It is not a sustainable one. It presents further danger, and every day struggles to our villagers and local biodiversity.

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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