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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 31st March 2024 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

OWPC66075

31st March 2023

Subject: Heartfelt Opposition to Planning Application Reference AL/11/24/OUT - Proposed 400 Housing Development by Cala Homes

With a heavy heart, I am reaching out to express my profound objection to the planning application reference AL/11/24/OUT concerning the proposed 400 housing development by Cala Homes. I fear that approving this development would mean severing access to the myriad of footpaths traversing this land, worsen the already strained infrastructure, pose grave environmental threats, and, most distressingly, the irreversible damage upon the habitats and precious wildlife that currently call this area their home.

Dr Tony Juniper CBE and chairman of Natural England once quoted, "The ultimate misconception is choosing our economic growth over the environment." I implore the council to recognise the much larger picture and understand the devastation, long and short term, that this housing development will create.

This beautiful area isn't just a habitat for wildlife; it's also a vital recreational space for the local community. The intricate network of footpaths and trails provides a place for people to find solace, exercise, and connect

with nature on a deeper level. Any changes to or removal of these paths due to development would not only restrict public access but also deprive the community of the invaluable benefits derived from this natural gem. Many of these footpaths are routes commonly taken by school students on their daily walk to school, I strongly feel that the proposed amendments to these footpaths endanger these children, forcing them to cross the main road with no access to traffic lights. Any loss or alteration to these pathways would exacerbate existing infrastructure challenges, further burdening the community.

The proposed development undoubtedly poses additional strain on the already challenged infrastructure in Westergate and Eastergate. Residents have continually reported persistent sewage issues to Southern Water, yet a permanent solution remains unresolved. As a consequence, sewage has been diverted into local the local chalk streams, raising significant pollution concerns and posing a threat to the surrounding wildlife and environment. With plans for new housing developments, the community and I are deeply concerned about the potential exacerbation of this issue and its adverse effects on the local ecosystem if left unresolved.

I am also hugely concerned about the strain on our local schools, doctors surgeries, dentists, hospitals and roads with the lack of planned infrastructure in line with this proposal. This beautiful village is on its knees and I am pleading Arun District council to recognise the natural beauty of this area that is slowly being eroded by greed and shortsightedness.

Thank you for considering my objection. I hope that the local council will acknowledge the gravity of safeguarding this area.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Nicola Anderton

Your views as made above will be considered before the application is determined.

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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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