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Dear Sir / Madam,

I find it hard to fathom the logic in even considering a further large development in the area. The local area is already breaking under the strain.

Having first hand experience of the sewers already not being able to cope, the road network falling apart and the local health services being unable to cope with the current

demand. Adding a further 400 homes will be catastrophic for the area. Therefore I object to the planning application for the following reasons: -

Sewage and Flooding

The sewage flowing from the inspection covers in the fields to the south of the applicant site is evidence that the Lidsey sewage treatment works is beyond capacity and cannot take two more dwellings let alone another 400!

A recent Southern Water response “strongly advised against” additional homes under a recent planning application in the Barnham area. Stating that for two dwellings in the planning application numbered W1/23/111/PL “the local catchment area being overburdened during periods of rainfall”.

On multiple occasions in the past 3 months, I have had to question if I could make it home. Given the surface water has flooded the roads, of the 5 roads that can be used to access the A29 to enable turning into Meadow Way, 4 have been flooded simultaneously, meaning only 1 route home. All 5 roads have been flooded in this period, Fontwell avenue, Hook Lane, Nyton Road, Barnham Road and the A29 at Shripney. Disrupting the surface water flow and drainage further is likely to only exacerbate the flooding issues in this area.

Biodiversity Corridor

This area has biodiversity corridors running through it and a chalk stream in the shape of the Eastergate rife.

The Aldingbourne Parish neighbourhood development plan protects this area under a number of key policies as detailed below:

- EH2 Green infrastructure & ecosystems.
- EH4 Protection of watercourses.
- EH5 Surface water management plan.
- EH6 Protection of trees and hedgerows.

Arun Local Plan

The applicant site is part of the recreational and environmental area laid down in the Arun local plan. Should this application be granted the Arun local plan would have to be changed and would be unlikely to provide for this vital area of recreation and wildlife.

Nature & Wildlife

Many local residents have stated they have seen water voles, kingfishers, little egrets, a wide variety of bird species, Stag beetles, grass snakes, lizards and bats. Building on this site would cause irreversible harm to this area of rich biodiversity.

The Grampian Caselaw Condition

Which “prevents the start of a development until off site works have been completed on land not controlled by the applicant.”

A major upgrade of the Lidsey sewage treatment works is required to deal with the current deficit in its capacity, let alone a further 400 dwellings.

Vehicle Access

The proposed access to the site through Pine close will further raise the risk of a serious accident, being just after a blind bend. The additional traffic created by the proposed development will decrease the safety for the residents, pedestrians and other road users. The risk increased since January 2022 as the Highway code changed so that people have right of way when crossing or waiting to cross at a junction. As a resident I often witness near misses involving vehicles and pedestrians (adults and children).

Please consider my objection and the points above and decline this application.

Regards,

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