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To whom it may concern,

I would like to share my opinion on the planned Cala Homes development of an additional 400 homes, reference AL/11/24/OUT - I am against the current planning application for several reasons.

We have lived in Barnham and Westergate since 2007 and in this time a number of large housing developments have already been granted and have impacted on several aspects of our lives, including increased commuting times, difficulty getting GP and dental appointments and local flooding.

I work in the field of Environment, Health and Safety so I feel I have a good understanding on the negative impacts on wellbeing and mental health due to over developing areas.

As this falls application within the recreational and environmental area stated in the Arun Local plan – this housing development will have a significant impact to the local nature and wildlife leading to loss of biodiversity.

During our time in the Six Villages area we have seen an abundance of wildlife including many varieties of birds, bats and owls as well as rare insect species such as Stag beetles. By building on these recreational and green spaces will reduce the habitats for these creatures.

Vehicle access

We live very near to Pine Close, the proposed junction to connect to this development to Westergate Street. In my opinion this junction is not suitable for any additional traffic, let alone 800+ vehicles from 400 new homes. Westergate Street is regularly queued from the Woodgate train crossing up to and past our own home, adding additional HGV and commuter vehicular traffic during and after construction will make it even more difficult to get on to the main road from residents of houses from Meadow Way, Oaks Close and the other houses along Westergate Street.

The increase in vehicular emissions will reduce air quality and with the proximity to Aldingbourne Primary and Orminston Six Villages Secondary schools will damage future children's health.

It has become very apparent this Winter, and now moving into Spring, that we are still seeing the impact to the area from lack of sewage capacity and flooding causing damage to homes and roads.

With extended repair works along Barnham Road, some of which still has road closures, regular road closures due to flooding of Lidsey road through Shripney, as well as Fontwell Avenue, Eastergate Lane, Nyton Road and Hook Lane. All road closures cause further traffic congestion and frustration to residents and commuters who regular use this route, imagine this with an extra 800+ vehicles!

It has been stated by Southern Water that the Lidsey Waste Water Treatment Works are already over capacity – so any additional houses will only add to this problem – and any future developments should only be considered once a major upgrade to these treatment works is funded and completed.

I hope that you will consider my concerns and review the existing proposal.

Regards,

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