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Objection to Planning Application Ref: AL/11/24/OUT - Aldingbourne, West Sussex

Dear Arun District Council

I am writing to you today with a sense of urgency and deep concern regarding the planning application reference AL/11/24/OUT for the proposed development in Aldingbourne, West Sussex.

The gravity of my objections is underscored by the potential repercussions this development could have on our community's well-being and the surrounding environment. With this in mind, I implore you to give serious consideration to the following critical concerns:

Sewage Infrastructure: The lack of a comprehensive sewage and wastewater management plan within the proposal is alarming. There is currently sewage flowing from the application site. This is evidence that the local Lidsey sewage treatment works is beyond capacity.

Southern Water has already “strongly advise against” additional homes being built in the Barnham area, for application W1/23/111/PL. Stating “the local catchment area being overburdened during periods of rainfall” The addition of another 400 home will echo what has been stated by Southern Water - only exacerbating this issue causing a real risk of environmental contamination and public health hazards. It is imperative that stringent measures are enforced to safeguard our community against these potential dangers.

Destruction of Natural Habitats: The proposal's failure to address the potential destruction of local natural habitats is deeply troubling. The application area is populated by biodiversity corridors, which are protected by a number of key policies in the Aldingbourne Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan. Namely

- EH2 - Green infrastructure and Ecosystems
- EH4 - Protection of watercourses
- EH5 - Surface water management plan
- EH6 – Protection of trees and hedgerows

Our local natural ecosystems are invaluable assets that must be preserved for the benefit of current and future generations. Along with the joy this beautiful area brings to the local residents, there have been recorded sighting of protected species such as water voles and king fishers. As well as other animals such as grass snakes, lizards and bats. Any

development that endangers these animals and compromises their habitats threatens to break the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

Road Access and Traffic Management: The proposed development's impact on road access and traffic management cannot be understated. The current road infrastructure and traffic management for vehicle access through Pine Close from the A29 is impractical to say the least. This will not only lead to congestion and safety hazards but also disrupt the daily lives of the local residents. The local road network currently cannot handle any prolonged periods of rain fall. Demonstrated by the regular closer of Lidsey and Barnham Road, causing traffic to be forced from A roads to B roads. The addition of 400 new homes in the area with an average of 2 cars per house will only put more strain on an already congested road system. It is imperative that these issues are thoroughly addressed to ensure the smooth and safe functioning of our community's transportation network.

Effects on the local community: It has been noted that there is no proposal to address the strain these additional houses will have on local public services. There is currently a shortage of school places, limited access to NHS dental appointments and unacceptable wait times for appointments at GP surgeries. The proposed 400 homes will only increase these problems that the local Aldingbourne residents have to currently cope with.

I urge you to recognize the urgency of these concerns and take decisive action to address them. The consequences of ignoring these critical issues are simply too severe to overlook. As stewards of our community's future, we have a responsibility to prioritize the well-being of our residents and protect the environment upon which we all depend.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that you will give due consideration to my objections and take the necessary steps to safeguard our community's interests.

Yours sincerely,

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Please find attached a letter outlining my objection to Planning Application Ref: **AL/11/24/OUT**
Thank you for taking the time to read and consider my objections.

Your sincerely

