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Objection to Planning Application AL/129/21/OUT

Dear Sirs,

We are writing to object to the above-mentioned planning application made by Hanbury Properties on the farmland adjacent to our home. I'll say that again; FARMLAND, designated agricultural farmland that until a few weeks ago has been farmed for various crops since we moved in 12 years ago, and for many decades before us moving in.

The application is ludicrous to say the least, not only does it pay no attention to the local plan nor is it within the built-up village boundary of Woodgate, but it also puts the local area and our home in immediate danger of flooding by both surface water and sewage, as stated in Southern Waters report dated 08/12/2021. The FARMLAND around our home has flooded on several occasions and building new homes on FARMLAND which currently acts as a floodplain is simply irresponsible.

The application is full of inaccuracies and should be refused on these matters alone. The site address used for the application is not the address of the site, the redline boundary cuts off 3 meters of our garden, and the reports that have been submitted with the application have questionable information that so called professionals have collated.

Tree removals have already been undertaken with large trees removed from where the access to the site is indicated. Funny how these healthy-looking trees were cut down in a day before any reports were undertaken.

These reports are so out of touch with what will happen if this development is granted. The response from WSCC – Highways Authority is so out of touch with the area that the report should be ignored for the following reasons:

- **Walking and Cycling** – To where? Aldingbourne School can't take any more children so parents will need a CAR to travel to other schools outside the area. There are no 'proper' shops to the north and there is no plan for a footpath or cycle route to the south where all the supermarkets are, again a CAR will be needed. Cycling to the north to get to the train station is acceptable, however your bike will be stolen (every week from Barnham) and then you'll be lucky to catch

the last bus home if you finish work and get to the station before the last bus leaves at 17.14pm!!!!

You can try cycling south, but you're taking your own life in your hands on the Lidsey bends.

- **Buses** – 2 buses serving at the following times:

66A	Southbound	7.58am	11.10am	15.35pm
	Northbound	10.27am	14.45pm	17.49pm
66C	Southbound	9.10am	13.28pm	17.24pm
	Northbound	8.27am	12.47pm	16.45pm

The first Northbound bus taking you to the nearest train station or to local schools is at 8.27am; if our children didn't have us to DRIVE them to school, this bus wouldn't even get them there on-time. This bus arrives at Barnham Train Station at 8.38am, which is completely unusable to anyone working a 9 – 5 job. 'Suitable for commuting' are a joke; suitable for commuting to where and for what time of day?

- **Travel Plan** – Save your time, I'll do it for you – If you want to go out before 8.00am; you'll need a CAR! If you want to get home or go out after 6.00pm; you'll need a CAR. Anyone with children will need a CAR to get them to school, then another CAR journey to a club, then another CAR journey to pick them up. Anyone wanting to get to a gym...will need a CAR!
- **Parking** – All properties will need 3-4 parking bays. This area impossible to live in without a car and with children staying at home until their early 20s, 3-4 cars is an average household in West Sussex.
- **National Highways** - National Highways support the development because Arun receives an additional £48,980.10 towards the A27 mitigation scheme – How does this help the village?

With the aforementioned clearly being an issue, it's a joke to use a calculation of car movements based on unrealistic synopsis of other developments. In short, 95 homes will result in 180 car movements in the morning, afternoon, and evening (**probably 500 CAR movements a day**) bringing even more pollution to the area and even more cars sitting with their engines idling waiting for the railway crossing to open on Lidsey Road.

We've not mentioned Doctors waiting times, local jobs, light pollution, overlooking and privacy, wild habitats, and protected species etc, all of which will be affected if this application is allowed and I hope you see sense that with the A29 realignment strategy and 1000's of homes planned, no other land should be considered for development in our local area until the A29 plans are fully complete.

Yours Sincerely

Tony & Sarah Wood