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Your Ref: OWPC25419
Our Ref: AL/51/19/PL 05-06-2019
Please ask for:
Mr S Davis

10th January 2020

Dear Sir/Madam

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015

Demolition of the existing dwelling & erection of 3 No 2-bed, 3 No 3-bed & 4 No 4-bed dwellings, access, landscaping & associated works.

Springfield and land to rear Hook Lane Aldingbourne

Thank you for your internet representation made on 9th January 2020 which has been recorded as **'an objection'** with the comments as follows:

We would like to register an objection to this revised planning application for the following reasons;

1. The tree officers updated response to the revised plans before they were submitted indicated there should be a reduction in the number of units from 10 to 7. He felt the development land was being exploited too heavily to fit in as many units as possible without due regard to the existing mature trees and hedgerows on the northern boundary. This northern boundary provides an important refuge to wildlife as well as the physical natural barrier between the existing DWH site and the proposed development land which has taken many decades to grow to its current maturity.

The new revised plan does not take into account his comments. It merely re-orientates the properties on the northern edge and moves the garages a few metres into the development land, there is no reduction in units. The new proposals still advise of extensive tree surgery works along the entire northern boundary however it is not clear how much tree surgery will take place. Any tree surgery is clearly being undertaken to remove substantial canopy coverage which will have a negative impact on the physical appearance and its potential to accommodate wildlife in the future.

In November 2019 the government set out a plan encouraging a massive tree planting program under the new Woodland Carbon Guarantee scheme to help fight climate change and here we are chopping down valuable mature trees.

2. The draft Aldingbourne neighborhood plan advises that ADC have given the parish an allocation of 70 new homes. 25 granted at Nyton Nursery, 55 at Wings Nursery and 37 at Lee's Yard which exceeds the allocation by 37 units. These sites are large parcels of open land adjoining roads therefore we question the rationale to agree this proposal to infill 10 units into an existing properties back garden with narrow access without due regard to the proportion and density of the surrounding properties.

3. The DWH site was sympathetic to the tree lined northern boundary positioning the houses at least 8 metres away from the trees which adds character and kept the mature trees and hedges intact. This proposal does not pay enough regard to the natural area.

4. Any tree surgery/ removal will have an effect on the water levels in the ground as this area is already recognized to have a high water table.

Unfortunately it is not possible for the council to respond to each representation individually but your views will be considered before the application is determined and I shall write to inform you of any decision made.

If the application is to be determined at the Development Control Committee and your letter has been received after the agenda has been published, you will not receive a separate letter notifying you of

the date of the meeting and the procedures for public speaking. In such circumstances, it is recommended that you track the progress of the application on the website or telephone for further information. Please be advised that any comments received after the the Development Control Agenda has been produced will be reported to the meeting. Please also note that only a small number of all planning applications are determined at the Development Control Committee, most are determined by officers under delegated power.

All representations are published on our website so please make sure your views are clear and only include information that you are happy for the public to view. Do not include personal information or information from third parties unless you have their permission to do so. If a complaint is received that permission has not been given for comments included about a third party, the Council reserves the right to redact/remove all relevant information. Do not include information that is defamatory or breaches equality or other legislation. If you do not wish your comments to appear on the website and on the file, please confirm this in writing and I will arrange for it to be destroyed, although this does mean that its contents will be disregarded. For details of what we do with your personal information please refer to our privacy statement comments on planning applications which is available on our website www.arun.gov.uk/planning-privacy-statements.

In the event of a subsequent written representations appeal, against a refusal of planning permission on a householder application, any representations made on the application will be automatically forwarded to the Secretary of State. Unlike all other types of appeal, there will be no further opportunity to comment at the appeal stage.

Yours faithfully

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