

Friends of the Old Ford to Hunston Canal
c/o No. 2, The Thicketts
Elizabeth Avenue
Bognor Regis
PO21 3HD

Your Ref: OWPC24491
Our Ref: AL/75/19/PL 28-08-2019
Please ask for:
Michael Eastham

7th October 2019

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Construction of 8 no. dwellings, alterations to access and associated works.

Bridge Cottage Lidsey Road Bognor Regis

Thank you for your internet representation made on 6th October 2019 which has been recorded as '**an objection**' with the comments as follows:

The Friends of the Old Ford to Hunston Canal have the objectives of preserving the remains and route of the canal, improving access, and recording information on the canal. The canal route is adjacent to the northern boundary of the proposed site. The Arun District council's Arun Local Plan 2011-2031 adopted July 2018 document section 16.6.1 HER DM5 specifically states "Development will be permitted where it would not adversely affect the remaining line and configuration of the Portsmouth and Arundel Canal and features along it."

The proximity of the canal should have been highlighted in the application as the canal bed is very close and is wet for a considerable period of the year, and amphibians and other wildlife may well be present there.

Our group frequently uses the A29 crossing at Lidsey as part of the public footpath along the original towpath of this section of the old Portsmouth to Arundel Canal, ie per Footpath No. 200_1 on the West Sussex i-MAP from Yapton to Lidsey. Our experience of crossing the A29 road is aligned to the objections noted in the West Sussex County Council Consultation document (26/9/2019) as to both the absence of a road safety audit, and the proposed access route from the site onto the A29 being likely to be dangerous. We suggest that an amended application should make reference to PROW Footpath No. 200_1, offer resources to improve crossing for pedestrians over the A29 for both the proposed houses and the footpath, and encourage the use of non-vehicular transport (such as walking, cycling and bridle paths) along suitable routes such as 200_1, from Lidsey east to Barnham, and from Lidsey west to the A259. We support all forms of non vehicular access along the route of the old canal as part of a long distance green corridor from the River Arun at Ford and across the county to Hunston.

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

Neil Crowther
Group Head of Planning