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From: Wendy Corney [REDACTED]
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Dear Sirs,

AL/79/20/OUT

PASCO land in Hook Lane, Aldingbourne

I only came across this planning application by chance when my friend noticed it in the newspaper. The fact that it was validated on 22nd October 2020 and I live in very close proximity to the site but have not been asked to comment, I think is deplorable.

I do not want to see any more developments in Hook Lane. Over the past 3 years we have already had to put up with 79 houses and 2 houses already built with 10 houses under construction at the present time. There is an outstanding planning Application for another 10 houses 3 doors away from me and this new development would mean that an additional 111 properties would be built in Hook Lane – that exceeds the total number of houses already here!

I have lived in Hook Lane for over 34 years and have been appalled by the increase in traffic, both locally and, presumably, commuter traffic using the Lane as a short cut from the Oving Road to Westergate Street, or the other way round. The figures stated in the documents do not give any idea of the traffic using what is a very narrow, bendy road where, at points, you have to give way to traffic in the opposite direction because it is so narrow. 2 accidents at the Westergate Street end of the Lane were mentioned but there was also a nasty accident at the other end of the Lane where it meets the Oving Road – this was not mentioned. Both ends of the Lane are very dangerous for getting into and out of and this situation will not improve. The new development of 79 houses is causing even more danger as drivers seem to think that they have right of way when they come out of that development. There have been many near misses. The new development will enter Hook Lane almost opposite the proposed development at Springfield – again, a recipe for disaster. I was horrified to realise how many vehicles exceed the speed limit but not totally surprised when I hear how quickly they go past my house.

If the footpath is extended on the West side towards Westergate Street, I fail to see how anybody can safely cross to the East side of the Lane especially as any extension would be dangerously close to a nasty bend in the road.

The documents mention facilities at Woodgate. What facilities? The shop, which had a Post Office, has been closed for a number of months and I am not aware of any change to that situation.

The documents mention that there is a Primary School – correct, but the Secondary School and Doctors' Surgery are only within walking distance if you are young and fit and the Railway Station at Barnham is similar – that is quite a long way for walking.

The bus service is terrible. There is a bus every 2 hours which finishes around 5 pm and there is no service on a Sunday. This is definitely an area where personal transport is essential as public transport is almost non-existent.

This proposal is outside the Built-Up Area Boundary and residents fought long and hard to stop the development of the 79 houses and, I would imagine, will fight this development too.

Using a company based in Odiham and Chichester is not local enough. You need to live in Hook Lane to appreciate how it used to be and how we would like it to stay. Do you realise that we

have been or are being asked to accommodate nearly 2% of the housing development between 2016 and 2021. Is that fair? Why should one COUNTRY Lane be forced to deal with 2% of the proposed development in the Arun District Council's area?

It is also mentioned that it is a 'Neighbourhood Centre'. No it isn't, it is an offshoot of the main neighbourhood centre and we do not want it to be swallowed up in the centre of the village.

I have seen a great increase in the surface water flooding over the past few years, far more than in the 30 years preceding – what is that caused by? The only thing I can think is because of all the concrete above us which does not allow the surface water to dissipate as it used to. There is a slight fall away of both surface water and waste water. The water from my property does not flow away easily and that situation will only get worse if more houses are built and connected to the same waste water supply.

In general, the appendices are rubbish and do not clearly show what they are supposed to do. I have great sympathy with PASCO BUT please do not use land that was given to you to gain money for other projects. ALL charities are having a tough time at the moment BUT doing this will definitely alienate the residents here.

In summary The public transport system is terrible.

The Doctors cannot cope with the number of people in the area at the moment and more houses will make that situation even worse. That is without including the proposed development of 2000+ houses to the east of Westergate Street.

The surface water problem will not get better but worse.

This proposed development is outside the Built-Up Area Boundary and should not happen, under any circumstances.

I am very concerned about wildlife in the area. We are seeing a huge decline in the bird population as well as hedgehogs, bats and other species. This decline must stop immediately if our children and grandchildren can continue to see wildlife in our area in the future.

Please do not allow this development to proceed.

Yours faithfully,
Wendy Corney (Mrs)