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From: alex wood [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 February 2021 12:29
To: Planning <Planning@arun.gov.uk>
Subject: AL/79/20/OUT

To whom it may concern,

Application No: AL/79/20/OUT

Site Address: Land west of Hook Lane, Westergate, PO20 3TE.

We strenuously oppose the planning application for the following reasons:

1. Having moved into Summer Close late December 2020, we had deliberately chosen this area with the understanding that there would no development on the land to the south of Summer Close and west of Hook Lane, due to the fact it was agricultural land and that building dwellings would be an unsupported change of purpose.
2. The local water table is high and standing water to the south of Summer Close is clearly evident and does not drain. Building dwellings on that land would require further drainage facilitation , thus reducing natural drainage due to the proposed dwellings, hard standings and tarmacadam roads, with potential for Summer Close gardens to become water logged.
3. There are concerns regarding loss of privacy as the new dwellings will overlook our garden and create shade to the south facing rear aspect, which affect our own planting and trees.
4. Hook lane is already a busy thoroughfare, with residents and through traffic, few pavements and no street lighting. The combination of which, does make it dangerous, to add to this now would not be ideal, to say the least.
5. It is evident that there is an abundance of wildlife to the south of Summer Close, with plethora of bird life around the reservoir even in the winter months, further building encroaching on this natural habitat may prove disruptive. The Great Crested Newt, which has a preserved habitat site within the Summer Close environs, and is obviously favoured by the high water table, would through the change to a dwelling site south of Summer Close be badly Impacted. The natural hedgerows to the West of Hook Lane support numerous species, which would be unduly impacted by their removal.
6. Both my wife and I work from home at this time and will most probably continue to do so, the impact of noise, dust and traffic will have a significant impact on our lives if this planning request were to be given permission.
7. The increased loading on local Doctors surgeries will be impacted adversely during the continued Global Pandemic by more potential patients.

In summing, we cannot see that the addition of these proposed dwellings being remotely positive to the area, not least the impact to ourselves, but our fellow neighbours and more importantly their safety and well being. Surely a better use of the land would be for the local authorities to purchase and set up allotments and/or community gardens to encourage production of food stuffs from the rich and fertile soil, whilst not disrupting the neighbourhood.

Finally I have attached a photograph of standing water to the South of Summer Close, time stamped 13th February 2021.

Yours Faithfully

Alexander and Hayley Wood

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