

The Nook
Hook Lane
Aldingbourne
Nr Chichester
West Sussex
PO20 3TE
13th September 2016

Planning Dept
Arun District Council
Arun Civic Centre
Maltravers Road
Littlehampton
West Sussex

Dear Sirs

Re Planning Application AL/83/16/OUT

I am writing to object to the above application which is in relation to the development of 8 properties in a field adjacent to Barnside in Hook Lane.

Whilst I am a Parish Councillor for Aldingbourne this letter is being written in my personal capacity as a long standing resident of Hook Lane.

The proposed development is on a green field which adjoins a rural lane and is outside the existing settlement boundary of Aldingbourne. Any development of the land would be in breach of Gen 2 of the Arun Local Plan 2003.

Further any development on the site would also be in breach of Gen 3 of the Arun Local Plan which deals with the protection of the Countryside for its own sake. This field is in a rural area and forms a buffer between a horticultural site and private residences.

The community has invested considerable time and resources in preparing a Neighbourhood Plan and I would refer the Council to policy EH1 of the same which provides that no development will be permitted outside the settlement boundary.

This development is unsustainable as it places over reliance on the use of the car to access schools, medical facilities and shops which will serve to increase the traffic movements in the lane.

Further the development will mean the loss of a field and road verge which performs a valuable drainage function for a lane which is prone to flooding and has standing water on part of the same for most of the year. In this regard I would refer you to Arun policy Gen9.

Hook Lane is a narrow country lane with no footpath or street lighting which is consistent with its rural status. It is used by the community as a walking riding and cycling route to access the surrounding countryside any increase in traffic will place the safety of lane users at risk particularly if the development erodes the integrity of the verges which are used by pedestrians to escape the passing traffic.

Given the planning application falls outside the Arun 2003 housing policy and the Neighbourhood Plan I object to the same and would ask that this application be rejected.

Yours sincerely

Sue Foott