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To: Simon Davis

Subject: Objection to Planning Application No. AL/83/16/OUT

Dear Mr Davis

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8 houses adjoining Barnside, Hook Lane, Aldingbourne

We all know there is a need for more housing, particularly affordable housing for young, local people and key workers, but we do have some serious concerns regarding this proposed development. Please could we ask you to consider them before making a decision.

- This development is a departure from the Arun Development Plan and the Aldingbourne Neighbourhood Plan. It also conflicts with the Arun Policy of protecting the countryside outside the settlement boundary.
- The original proposed number of houses for Aldingbourne Parish was 30. This has now drastically increased to in excess of 300 due to the approval of recent planning applications. Sites are being developed within the locality with no improvements to infrastructure. The doctors' surgery and local primary school are already heavily oversubscribed and struggling to cope with existing demand. It is not sustainable to keep on approving housing development without significant investment in local infrastructure.
- Planning permission has already been granted for 79 houses on a greenfield site directly opposite this one. Both sites require access onto Hook Lane which is a narrow, winding, country lane.

- Hook Lane is an important recreational amenity for the local area as it forms a vital link to public footpaths and bridleways and as such is used by walkers, cyclists and horse riders. The proposed development can only result in even more traffic which will have a significant impact in terms of safety and enjoyment of this amenity.
- The development will increase pollution. This area already has a high level of out commuters due to a lack of local employment and this development will increase this number. Public transport services are very limited and the Doctors Surgery and Barnham railway station are not within walking distance.
- The proposed development would exacerbate the current flooding issues within this area.

Yours sincerely

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