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From: Michael Eastham <Michael.Eastham@arun.gov.uk>
Sent: 15 December 2020 15:48
To: Planning.Responses <Planning.Responses@arun.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: Objection to A/109/20/RES

Please upload onto Ocella the email below which is a letter of objection to reserved matters application **A/109/20/RES** relating to Land South of Water Lane, Angmering.

Thanks,

Michael

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From: Lee Hamilton-Street [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 December 2020 13:54
To: Michael Eastham <Michael.Eastham@arun.gov.uk>
Cc: Katie Herr [REDACTED]
Subject: Objection to A/109/20/RES

Dear Sir

Please can you display my objection on your planning portal.

I wish to object to the new layout of A/109/20/RES in respect to the removal of the emergency access on to Weavers Hill as laid out in the previous approved Parameters plan A99/17/OUT.

I am a recently retired Fire Officer with 30 years experience within West Sussex. For half of my service I managed groups of Fire Stations, throughout the County but mostly in Chichester and Arun district.

My objections to the removal of the emergency entrance is based upon 2 reasons

1/ Drawings have been compiled showing fire appliance access as laid down in approved document B, section 5 page 98. However, in the same table it showed dimensions for High Reach appliances. I don't believe these vehicles have been considered when proposing the withdrawal of the emergency entrance. High Reach vehicles once were infrequently used items but with the demands made upon fire crews from health and safety, working at high is stringently monitored and having someone working on a ladder now is a last resort.

These vehicles have a larger turning circle and are for more difficult to manoeuvre on housing estates where the vehicle population is greater than the expected district average. Parking in and around hammerheads will make the use of these life saving vehicles almost impossible and will certainly delay the arrival and setting up so the threat to life and property is increased.

In Arun over the past few years we have had many instances where Fire crews have not been able to make their initial attendance to an incident due to parked vehicles and on coming appliances have been rerouted through a second access point. It is unrealistic to have emergency workers having to proceed 100's of meters from the last passable location for an appliance to the incident with minimal equipment to undertake life saving operations. Reducing the opportunities of dead end situations can only go to making communities and individuals safer.

I have attached a couple of photographs posted social media by Angmering residents on one of the new build estates in Angmering showing examples of thoughtless parking and raising concerns about access for emergency vehicles as a result of the narrowness of the roads and lack of off street parking.



Refuse vehicle unable to pass



Overnight parking

There is no excuse for a new development to repeat these mistakes. When removing the Weavers Hill emergency entrance, there does not appear to have been any thought about ensuring that the site layout provided plenty of additional off-road parking for residents and visitors at this location to ensure the single access road and the hammerhead are kept clear especially overnight because of the restricted access to this location.

2/ Water for firefighting comes from the towns main system terminating in hydrants. During large fires, when fire crews draw water from a hydrant and supply more appliances than the water main can sustain, it will fail to supply the required amount of water. This can also lead to the water main collapsing and then failing altogether to deliver water. To avoid this fire crews will have to set into a second water metered area not necessarily the next nearest hydrant! This will be a totally separate water supply and will be found at least 500 meters from the one being used. In dead end situations as being suggested, this will without doubt increase the time significantly taken to run out hose to deliver water. This delay will have the affect of negating safe systems of work for Fire crews when undertaking rescues and raise the possibility of increased damage due to fire and possibly loss of life.

I would urge you to ensure the emergency access from Weavers Hill is maintained for all the above reasons.

Kind regards

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