

93 North Lane
East Preston
West Sussex BN16 1HD
17th September 2021

Mrs. Gardner
Planning Officer
Arun District Council

Dear Mrs Gardner

We understand that Redrow Homes has submitted a proposal to build 76 homes on land on the south-eastern corner of the large A259/A280 roundabout.

The main Planning Application is **A/168/21/PL**.

We would like to register our very strong objections to this proposal on the following grounds:

- According to the Arun Local Plan, this proposed site would be outside the Built-Up Area Boundary, and would therefore encroach on the gaps between settlement required by the plan, encouraging further development until the gap completely disappears.
- The Arun Local Plan also requires that high quality agricultural land should be protected in order that the individual character of the settlements may be retained.
- The main A259/280 roundabout is already dangerously congested and it is difficult to see how it could possibly absorb the additional volume of traffic engendered by 76 houses.
- The threatened removal of the bus stop at the entrance to the A259 would increase the need for the use of private vehicles in

and out of the site. This would in turn affect all the roads in the surrounding area, which are already severely congested.

- There would be a hugely increased demand on local infrastructure, in particular medical facilities, schools, libraries, shops, drainage and local roads. The developers have not addressed this issue.
- The occupants of the site would of necessity feel cut off from the adjacent communities by both the main road and the railway line.
- Despite the many developments which have taken place on both sides of the A259 in recent years, East Preston has retained its distinctively tranquil character, to the great benefit of all its residents - a character which would clearly be jeopardised by the addition of 76 new homes and households on its edge.

We urge Arun District Council to refuse Planning Permission for this inappropriate and damaging proposal.

Yours sincerely

Judith Cair
Linda Hardcastle