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6th April 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

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Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Town & Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 5

Application No: A/46/21/OUT
Site Address: Land at Downs Way/Heathfield Avenue Downs Way East Preston BN16 1AB
Description of works: Outline application with all matters reserved for the erection of a pair of one and a half storey semi-detached dwellings with vehicular access, private amenity space & landscaping.

Thank you for your internet representation made on 2nd April 2021 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

OWPC34903

I would like to object to the request for planning permission to build a pair of one and half storey houses on the green space at the Downs Way / Heathfield Avenue junction.

This land is a current green space on a mature development with primarily houses in Downs Way and bungalows in Heathfield. This has a mix of elderly and younger families, with elderly making up a significant percentage in Heathfield.

The green space is currently home to about 10 significant trees and an embankment which has grown up over a number of years. The local residents have noticed an increase in birds and squirrels recently, probably displaced from the trees lost due to the current redevelopment of A259 which is just yards away.

I wish to object as I feel that this development, on land originally designated as green space for the Downs Way development, would be contrary to the current Arun Local Plan in that:

1. It is not working in harmony with the environment to conserve natural resources and biodiversity. We have already lost a lot of trees and meadowland locally with the road widening.
2. It does not enhance the local landscape but brings more concrete and traffic to an already overloaded road, Downs Way is a well known local rat run and the police are aware of the traffic issues.
3. Removal of one of the very limited number of green spaces available to the estate is contrary to the objective of providing accessible community facilities particularly to the growing number of elderly local residents.

Removal of this green space in the middle of a housing development would by any environmental measure be harmful. It is well known that green spaces are beneficial to our mental and physical well-being and the trees absorb some of the noise and air pollution generated by the heavy traffic on the adjacent A259. We have seen the size of Angmering grow significantly in recent years and just accepted it as necessary. We do not need two more houses at the expense of our irreplaceable and very limited green space, and have already lost enough trees locally.

Your views as made above will be considered before the application is determined.

Please be aware that Planning Services operate an 'open file' policy and will publish your comments including your name and address on the website. Please make sure that you have only provided information that you are happy will be published in this way. If you have supplied information belonging to a third party, you must make sure you have their permission to do so. If you do not wish your comments to appear on the website or on the file you will need to confirm this by emailing to planning@arun.gov.uk and I will arrange for it to be destroyed although this means that the content will then be disregarded.

The majority of applications are determined under delegated powers by officers. Further information on the decision making process can be found on the website at :<https://www.arun.gov.uk/planning-decision-process>.

Some applications will be determined by the Development Control Committee, and I shall write and inform you of the date of the meeting and the procedures for public speaking if this is the case. However, if your representation has been received after the agenda for the meeting has been finalised and the notifications have been generated, you will not receive notification. In this case, you will need to track the progress of the application on the council's website <https://www.arun.gov.uk/weekly-lists>

Any comments that are received after the agenda has been finalised will be separately reported to the members of the Development Control Committee.

Regardless of how the application is determined I will notify you of the decision.

Yours sincerely



Neil Crowther
Group Head of Planning

PLEASE NOTE: Essential IT work will be carried out during the week of 12 April 2021 and there will be no access to the planning records on the website. It will not be possible to follow the progress of an application, view any documents or make on line comments. To ensure that no one is disadvantaged the publicity period will be extended by a week on planning applications where the publicity period falls over this week. The site notices and documentation will quote the extended date if this is applicable.

All aspects of planning, building control and local land charges will be limited during this week. If you do need to contact the case officer during this week you will need to be able to provide the exact reference number and as much detail as possible. The service will be extremely limited and it would be best to contact us either before 12 April, or after, when the work is completed on 19 April 2021.

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