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Cian Cronin - Objection to Planning reference A/74/13

I would like to raise my objections to the above mentioned planning application made by Fargro.

I disagree that there is a requirement to use this land changing the use from agricultural use to industrial use in an area already surrounded by brown field industrial sites in neighbouring Wick, Littlehampton, Angmering and Ferring.

Although we are a small village we are a rural community that values the countryside immensely, supporting our local farmer with his conscientious work. The change in use of the land would impact this agricultural and historical area dramatically. To add to this, the increase in the light pollution from the security lights as well as normal site lighting will be on top of the lighting we already have as existing pollution from the Driving range to the south east of the village. When you live in the countryside with open fields the exposure of the unnatural glow of orange can cause distress and ruin what is cherished.

However my biggest concern is the amount of traffic. Currently there is a lot of traffic from the Vineries with the existing businesses using Units there. Not only that, the A27 and the traffic light junction at Crossbush is currently at a level where there are queues back to the midsection crossing at the top of Poling street at regular intervals during the day, not just during 'rush hour'. If you add additional vehicles, articulated lorries and large trucks to this issue it is only going to get worse. This

traffic is no longer just a "rush hour" issue - there are queues most days at different times, due to the huge volume of road users, and so many works being carried out around Arundel and Littlehampton putting additional pressure on an already inadequate infrastructure.

The estimate of 140 vehicles a day, 6 days a week means there will be an additional lorry every 3.5 minutes if it is consistently spread throughout the day. This is a fairly large amount for the existing junction into and out of the Vineries to handle. On top of this, with the queues for the traffic lights at Crossbush, which was the suggested junction for the lorries to use to double-back on themselves should they be heading to Horsham, Worthing or Brighton for example, Fargro cannot guarantee that the lorries would not use the inter section junction at the top of Poling Street to save time. This would add to the danger of this crossing for anyone trying to come out of Poling Street travelling in either direction, as well as be unsafe due to the lorries requiring additional space to swing out to do the 360 degree turn required to avoid the congestion and travel East towards Horsham, Worthing or Brighton.

We may be a small community but this large addition to an industrial area will detrimentally affect all of our lives, whether it is with the noise & light pollution, the increase in traffic or simply the impact on the environment by changing the green site into a brown one. We cherish the English Landscape and the village that we live in, we try at best to enjoy living 'out of town' as much as possible. Developments seem to be encroaching on this precious space from every angle.

I therefore object to this planning application. Perhaps the council can seriously look at the state of the traffic currently using this stretch of the road before agreeing with Fargro that 140 vehicles would not add superfluous pressure to the local infrastructure.

Kind regards,

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The Willows, Poling Resident