

I object to the latest Barratts Planning Application A/82/12, in which the number of dwellings for which Planning Approval is being sought, has been recorded as 139, a reduction from the original application for 150 dwellings, for the following reasons.

1. It is abundantly clear that the people of Angmering, myself included, do not support large scale housing developments such as that proposed by Barratts. This is our village, we have invested our time and our money and our community spirit in making it what it is today. It is arrogant in the extreme, for a profiteering company like Barratts to impose itself on our village, and on our lifestyle with their inappropriate proposal. We do not want our village to become a high-density, overcrowded community. We want it to remain as it is, a village, with a village atmosphere. We do not object outright to development of housing in Angmering, but we claim the right to decide on what form such developments will take. As a community, the residents prefer small, appropriate, developments that will be in keeping with the Neighbourhood Plan of the Parish
2. It is still my view that Barratts hopes to push a decision on their application through ahead of the draft plans of the Arun District Council, and ahead of the draft Neighbourhood Plan of the Angmering Parish Council. The resistance by the residents has delayed the process somewhat, but Barratts still hopes to circumvent the normal process. It will be extremely unfair to the residents of Angmering, if a large scale development such as that proposed by Barratts is allowed to be bulldozed through the planning process before they have had the opportunity to present their own plan for the village.
3. One of the corner-stone's of the Prime Minister's Big Society philosophy, has been that people at grassroots level should take decisions about what happens in their own communities. Granting of approval for the Barratts development, if done before both the Arun District Council and Angmering Parish plans have been allowed to complete the process of consideration and consultation, will effectively deprive the Angmering residents of this right. . By their persistence with this application, Barratts are showing that they not only have no care for what the Angmering residents want, but that the devolution of decision-making to locals residents, has not been registered on their agenda where planning applications are concerned, they only have one agenda, that is, their own. This is further evidenced by Barratts' failure to address and cost additional green space, and exit routes, as requested by residents.
4. Implicit in the Prime Minister's Big Society Philosophy concerning the rights of residents to make decisions on their own communities, is the right of the residents to the quality of life to which they have been accustomed, and which has become the norm for the community. The imposition of 139 extra houses on a village will, without doubt, materially affect the quality of life of the residents, with increased pressure on an already inadequate local medical practice, increased pressure on an already inadequate public transport, increased pressure on an already inadequate water supply, and increased pressure on an already over-loaded drainage systems, as examples. The reduction in the number of houses to 139 from 150, a sly subterfuge, has been done, in my opinion, in the hope that residents will assume that since they objected to 150

houses, they do not need to object to an application for a lower number of dwellings. My original objections remain valid.

5. The existing drainage systems in the village are inadequate for the existing density of housing in the village. Run-off of water from the hard surfaces (roads, pavements, courtyards and the like) have already over-loaded the drainage systems to the point that the very centre of the village was flooded in 2012 following heavy rains. The proposed new housing developments contained in the Barratts Planning Application Reference Number A/82/12 will significantly increase run-off of water onto existing roadways and pavements, and will increase the likelihood of further flooding, and the costs that are associated with such flooding. 11 fewer houses in the application will not materially change this.
6. The construction of 139 houses in a small village which is located in a region where there will not be enough jobs to support the new residents of the houses, is pure folly for the region. There is already unemployment in the region, with many of the residents of Angmering currently unemployed. New residents of a new housing development will further decrease the chances of current residents from finding jobs locally.
7. The current economic situation in the Angmering region is such that new residents who will occupy the proposed new housing, will be subject to relatively high mortgage repayments. Salaries and wages of jobs in the region in which Angmering is located are not at the levels that will support these high mortgages, and new residents will commute out of the area to work. Additional road commuters on the narrow, busy roads in and around Angmering will add to congestion, will place additional pressure on the finances of the Parish at a time when austerity is being imposed on local authorities. Additional rail commuters from Angmering will place severe pressure on the existing rail systems. As it is at present, trains travelling to London from Angmering become over-crowded as they travel towards the city. Additional passengers from Angmering will exacerbate an already serious overcrowding situation, and will transfer the problems to communities further away from the village. The Angmering train station cannot cater for large additional numbers of passengers. The existing car park is over-crowded, and commuters who drive to the station, are forced to park their cars on residential roads. Adding to this unacceptable situation by granting permission for 139 extra houses in Angmering, seems rather ridiculous to contemplate.
8. The small medical practices in and around Angmering are already grossly over-extended, and waiting times for appointments at General Practitioner practices can be as long as 10 days. This situation will become worse if there is an influx of residents to the village. In addition, hospitals that serve the region are over-stretched in their ability to deal with existing residents, as are care homes and hospices.
9. Granting approval to the Barratts proposal will go against the logical premise, and against the policies of the Arun District Council, of not allowing building on greenfield sites, when other, more suitable sites, closer to existing built-up localities could be considered.

10. The motives of the developer for choosing the proposed site for the proposed housing development should be questioned. There does not seem to be a severe shortage of housing in Angmering. It is a known fact that many new and existing homes in the Arun district are available for sale or rental, but remain unoccupied. It is logical, therefore, that before permission is granted for the construction of more homes, the focus should be on occupying existing buildings and homes. This will address the government priority for providing housing. As for providing jobs for the construction industry, the construction of the new Haskins building, and of the new ASDA building close to village, have already contributed a great deal to the economy. The building of extension to the Angmering School also provided jobs for the construction industry. So over the past two years, the Angmering region has already contributed significantly to the economy, and should now not be expected to continue to suffer the disruptions that accompany such projects, nor the permanent loss of quality of life that will accompany the granting Barratts' Planning Application
11. Angmering is an area of natural beauty, and is situated in an ecotone region close to the South Downs National Park. We, the residents, love and value the green spaces around us, the small patches of woodland that buffer us from the busy roads, or the open fields in which our farmers plant and harvest crops, or graze livestock. In Angmering, we value the fact that the narrow strip of land between the A280 and Roundstone Lane creates a quiet buffer that will forever be destroyed if housing developments are allowed by the Arun District Council Planning Department. We also value the views of rural fields and woodlands, rather than housing developments, as we travel around our village.
12. The spate of applications for development of parts of Angmering Village are tantamount to an orchestrated attempt to wear down the residents in the hope that one or more applications will be successful. The subtle alteration of the original Planning Application from 150 to 139 dwellings is an abuse of the system for Planning Applications.
13. I re-iterate the statements made by the Prime Minister, that residents must decide what developments take place in their villages. We say no to the revised Planning Application Granting approval to the J.V Plants proposal would go against the logical premise, and against the policies of the Arun District Council, of not allowing building on greenfield sites, when other, more suitable sites, closer to existing built-up localities could be considered.
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The above issues are not theoretical, or formulated simply to stop unwanted developments in our village. They are real issues that must be considered. We live in Angmering, have done so for some time, and will continue to do so. Developers who are not part of our day-to-day lives and have not invested the time, love and spirit into our village as we have, have no right to simply descend on our region, destroy our lifestyles and quality of life under the protected status of being providers of jobs and homes that are government priorities. Once they have destroyed what we have, they will leave our village, and their so-called contribution will be gone. This is unfair, we don't want them in our parish. I urge you to reject the **Planning Application A/82/12**

Yours faithfully

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