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Subject: Planning objection

As long term residents of Angmering, we wish to object in the strongest possible terms to planning application A/12/82 for the following reasons:

- **Does not conform with ADC-endorsed 'Masterplan'** which would return greater contributions towards infrastructure upgrades
- **Does not include a link road between Roundstone Lane and the A280**
- **Need:** no demonstrated need or requirement for this housing development in Angmering
- **No NEED for 580 houses per annum for the whole of Arun**, This figure is largely in-migrants who will out-commute to work to pay for their high mortgages. This will put more pressure on Arun's already jammed roads.
- **No local jobs:** which would pay sufficient wages to pay for these expensive houses
- **Goes against Arun's policies:** to build on brownfield sites before greenfield sites, and to avoid building outside the built-up area
- **Site:** prefer small areas of new houses scattered throughout the village rather than large-scale development on one site east of Roundstone Lane. Fear of one development being the 'thin end of the wedge'
- **Decision Timescale:** Arun should not decide on this application while their own draft plan and Angmering's draft Neighbourhood Plan are so far along in the making
- **Flooding/drought:** concreting over green fields will reduce the surface area for rain to soak away, increasing both problems
- **Unsustainable, inadequate infrastructure and services:** lack of an adequate bus service, already have an existing water supply shortage, drainage and sewer pipes inadequate (collapsing in The Dell)
- **Traffic/roads:** Roundstone Lane queues, A259 single carriageway bottleneck, narrow village lanes, village through-traffic (not the by-pass), exceed the speed limit, pinch points dangerous, congestion, inadequate parking for the village shops/businesses, heavy traffic causing damage to buildings in the conservation area
- **Schools:** Arundel Road congestion, highway safety issue, no safe route to school, overcrowded classes, village children not of the schools' faiths have to go to school elsewhere because places are given to out-of-area children of the schools' faiths, schools are in the north of the village whereas the proposed housing development is in the south- meaning more cars taking pupils to school. Angmering grew by 27% when Bramley Green (600 houses) was built. The promised new school was never built
- **Affordability:** people buying these houses will not be Angmering people on local wages. We don't have jobs for these people and even if local jobs were created, the wages would not be high enough to pay the huge mortgages, the people would have to out-commute.

- **Travel:** commuters' increased use of roads (more emissions from cars) is not in line with government plans and train services, station car park full already and overflow parking in Downsway (reduces road to a single lane- hazardous)
- **Quality of life:** the existing residents' right to a reasonable quality of life will be compromised, which is against the Government Policy regarding sustainability and the quality of family life
- **Medical facilities:** inadequate for existing residents: Doctors' surgery, hospitals, hospices
- **Housing Stock:** new and existing houses in the Arun area remain unsold. Derelict houses should be converted to Council living accommodation.
- **Proximity to the South Downs National Park**

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