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Subject: Planning application number A/82/12

Gerald Heath, 9 Weavers Hill, Angmering, West Sussex BN16 4BP

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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Planning application number A/82/12

I wish to lodge my objections to the above planning application, the reasons for which are as follows:

1. When the Bramley Green application was first submitted there was a promise of a school to be built to cater for the influx of children which a new estate inevitably brings. My memory fails me as to how many years ago exactly it was when that development was completed, but there is no mistaking to this day the absence of the 'promised school'. I was the parent governor of St Margaret's School in Angmering at this time and the board were obliged to have a huge wooden building comprising two new classrooms positioned on the children's play area to accommodate rising numbers of pupils. The building was not in keeping with the remainder of the brick-built school. Worse still there were soon more children with less space in which to play. If Arun District Council (ADC) had *insisted* on a new school being built to facilitate the growing number of houses, families and children in Angmering the board of governors would not have been forced to take the measure we did. I still hold ADC entirely responsible.

2. Angmering as a village has not benefitted from the Bramley Green development. I don't have access to the exact numbers that ADC has, so I ask the council how many residents from Bramley Green use the village library or the small supermarket? How many attend St Margaret's Church? How many use the other small shops in the village, or the public houses? It is well known that the residents of developments such as Bramley Green tend to commute to work and bring little to the villages they live near to.

3. Furthermore the infrastructure was never in place to accommodate Bramley Green and by all accounts it still is not; the existing water supply is unreliable at best and I believe that drains have collapsed on the Dell estate. One has to ask whether the flooding in the centre of Angmering village in recent years was the result of concreting over, what was once, green fields. More concrete, brick and asphalt east of Roundstone Lane will only add to the existing problem. Climate change in other parts of the country could soon come to haunt ADC in Angmering caused by a completely avoidable situation.

4. Both village primary schools are north west of Angmering, and the proposed development is south east. With fewer and fewer children walking to school in this day and age the inevitable scenario is that parents will drive their children to school via the shortest route; through the oldest parts of the village east/west and across the natural flow of traffic north/south - a recipe for massive disruption unless alterations are made to the existing roads in Angmering.

5. You will conclude that I am fatalistic about the prospects of a new school being built if ADC allows this development to proceed. I do not know whether ADC has the power to enforce the building of a new school to accommodate a growing number of children into the village. The Bramley Green experience leads me to think not. If ADC does not have this power, it surely must reject the plans for this latest development. To subject Angmering to a second false promise will be completely unacceptable to everyone who lives in our village.

6. The planning application, I am informed, does not conform to the ADC-endorsed 'Masterplan'.

7. Also it does not include a link road between Roundstone Lane and the A280 which is essential in preventing excessive traffic in the village centre.

8. There is no requirement for this housing development in Angmering. It is a government dictate which ADC feels duty bound to accede to. The housing development should therefore be positioned where there will be no objection to it, or least objection to it.

9. This planning application is counter to Arun's policies: to build on brownfield sites before greenfield sites, and to avoid building outside the built-up area.

10. If village residents have this development forced upon them against their collective will clearly they would prefer small areas of new houses scattered throughout the village rather than one large-scale development on one site east of Roundstone Lane. Residents clearly fear a development of this scale will set a very unwelcome precedent.

Yours,

Gerald Heath