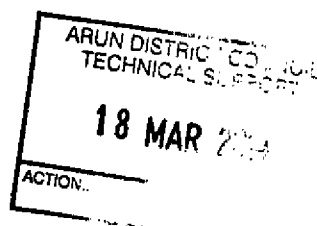


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To the Planning Department,

I object to planning application A/82/12 for 139 homes to be built in Roundstone Lane Angmering.

We do not need this amount of housing in Angmering, our village of Angmering will be lost forever! With each development more and more of our beautiful Sussex country side will be lost to more and more concrete. Flooding will occur more regularly and become much more of a problem with each chunk of Greenfield land we lose.

This proposed development completely contradicts the Arun Plan whereby it clearly states Brownfield sites will be used before Greenfield. It also Contravenes Arun's policy to avoid building outside the built up area boundary.

Angmering has already increased by 27% with the building of Bramley Green increasing Angmering by a further 600 houses. A new school was promised with this development that never materialised.

Angmering has many narrow lanes and roads none of which were built for the increasing amount of traffic another new development will bring. This proposal does not even include a link road onto the A280! There are already queues in Roundstone lane waiting to exit on to the A259. Traffic will increase through Angmering village as commuter traffic tries to beat the congestion. This will have an even more detrimental effect at the traffic calming bollards in Station Road. Parking in the village is already inadequate to access the local shops, but I hasten to add that it is extremely important that no major change be made to provide more parking in the village as I do believe it is very important to keep our unique and picturesque village at all costs.

There is little room for improvement to the A259 in the Angmering area. Even if the single carriage way part was made into a dual carriage way this would only be a sort term fix, and in the meantime it will destroy even more green grass and trees that not only enhance our area but provides the necessary corridors and habitat for our wildlife.

I am not against a small amount of added homes dotted about Angmering and our neighbouring villages. If Arun allows this to go ahead it will be impossible to stop the green space in Roundstone lane becoming a concrete jungle. Exiting Angmering residents have a right to a reasonable quality of life. This will be further compromised. This goes against Government policy regarding sustainability and quality of family life.

There is no identified need for housing in this location, nor this amount. There are unfinished and unstarted developments and unsold houses in Arun.

Sussex as a whole is a water stressed area. Our local roads cannot cope with more traffic. Our environment and wellbeing will be eroded away with congestion, more pollution and the continued daily frustrations of travel due to the lack of ease of access to and from and around our district. We have little work in Arun and the work that is available is mostly low paid and so the housing will be bought by out of district people who, if of a working age, and not supported entirely by benefits, will have to out commute to be able to afford the high mortgages needed in this area. If the new residents fall in to the retired category then the huge extra stress it will inevitably have on our health facilities will be immense. This situation, no matter how many more houses are built, is in my opinion unlikely to change for the better.

The railway is inadequate. One line towards London and one line towards Southampton. The platforms are too short at nearly every station along the line and therefore even if the trains were able to travel with more than the maximum 12 coaches this will be an impossibility unless a huge amount of time and expense was to be made in extending platforms. The trains are already uncomfortable from Hove to London and from London to Hove during the busiest times of the day. More housing will as I have already stated will definitely bring more out commuting. The trains will end up being standing room only from Angmering. The station car park is too small therefore the surrounding roads will become packed with parked cars causing single carriage ways and obvious hazards. This can already be seen in Downsview.

Arun's draft plan and Angmering's neighbourhood plan is nearing completion. Therefore it is ludicrous for Arun to decide on planning applications before the consultation process has been completed. These developers are fully aware of the vulnerable position we are in and are making full use of it. Arun must make a stand and put its residents first.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs Fiona Franks.