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To: Planning
Cc: Save angmering village
Subject: Planning application A/82/12: objection

Dear Sir/Madam

I write to object in the strongest possible terms to Barratts' revised application to build 139 houses in Angmering.

I live in central Angmering. If I have occasion to leave my house in morning or evening rush hour by car I am met by traffic jams whichever way I go. It is no secret to anyone that the A259, A27, Station Road and Arundel Road are all unacceptably congested. More houses will mean more cars - the roads cannot accommodate the existing traffic, let alone any more. I try and use alternative transport where possible, but the bus service is infrequent (one bus an hour until early evening, and no service at all on Sundays) and the trains unacceptably crowded, as are the station car park and surrounding roads, as most people drive to the station. Cycle routes are inadequate or nonexistent. The schools are already at capacity and the primary schools are in any case to the north of the village, whereas this proposed new development is to the south. Despite being encouraged not to, parents *do* and *will* drive their children to school and the village, including our precious conservation area, will be gridlocked and damaged. The parking area by the shops is already full most of the time and makes that area dangerous, with cars pulling in and out constantly onto the main road.

There are very few employment opportunities in Angmering so the occupants of these proposed new houses will, like most other people in the village, have to find employment outside the area. Angmering is already something of a "dormitory village" and will become much more so. It simply makes no sense to build houses in an area where there are few facilities. How does this promote a sustainable lifestyle for the residents? The village has already increased massively with the building of Bramley Green and much "infilling" so that there is a huge imbalance between the number of people in our village and the facilities available. More houses will skew things even more and compromise the quality of life of those who live in and care for this place.

There are unsold and unoccupied houses in Arun, and accommodation that can be renovated and made habitable. There is no proven need for the number of new houses proposed for Angmering. The proximity to the National Park should surely be a cause for concern. The site is *greenfield*; Arun's policy is to build on brownfield sites (of which there are several in Arun) before greenfield. Concreting over a large area of our

village will do nothing to help rainwater sink in and will make flooding more likely, to say nothing of destroying wildlife habitat.

I urge you to reject this application, which I strongly believe will irrevocably alter our village for the worse; it will be unsustainable and very damaging for the environment and people of Angmering.

Yours sincerely

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