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To: Planning;

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Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to object to planning application A/82/12 Which is Barrets revised application for 139 houses.

There are many reasons to my objection, aside from the fact that there is no real requirement for any further housing developments in Angmering, nor for a large percentage of that stock to be Social Housing.

First of all, Arun has a policy to build on brownfield sites before greenfield sites and to avoid developing outside the built up area. To allow this development to go ahead would go against these policies. There are areas in Arun that actually need to be redeveloped and there are brownfield sites which may be improved by redevelopment. These sites should be utilised before we should even consider destroying our countryside further.

There are also plenty of unsold houses in Arun. Many of these houses are brand new ones and close to Angmering so why build even more?

The planned development is on the edge of the Conservation area, which includes historic and listed buildings. New housing estates such as the this one, are not sympathetic to such areas and would detract from the charm and desirability of the village. In fact if the builders are allowed to continue concreting over so many of our beautiful fields I feel sure the attraction to live here in Angmering will be lost forever.

On this point, reducing our green areas will of course reduce the surface area for rain to soak away. Obviously this will increase the problems Angmering suffers with both drought and flooding. Even now Angmering is one of the areas in Arun most prone to flooding. Cow Lane is like a river at times.

Angmering does not have suitable infrastructure for new houses in this area and the likelihood is that if this development went ahead more would follow, despite the fact that the vast majority of Angmering residents are against further development.

We suffer water shortages and the sewage and drainage pipes are inadequate (proven by the collapse of pipes in The Dell). Consider the extra strain yet another development would put on this already challenged area.

The roads are already prone to traffic queues. Roundstone Lane, Water Lane and Station Road all have dreadful queues, not least because of the pinch points. The A259 single carriageway is a constant bottleneck and the village roads are old and narrow. All roads out of Angmering suffer from traffic.

The extra housing would also put further strain on our roads which were not built for the heavy lorries and modern day traffic.

Presumably the people buying these houses would need to commute to work as they would be unlikely to work in Angmering, putting even more cars on the road. Not to mention the fact that the houses would be built in the south of the village whilst the schools are in the north, further increasing traffic flows and of course pollution.

Shall I mention the fact that the schools are so full that it is deemed acceptable to have 37 or more pupils in a class? Even if these schools could take more pupils it is ridiculous to put houses and schools at opposite ends of the village and so far away!

Arun's draft local plan is still in the Consultation phase and Angmering's Neighbourhood plan is still being written, so for ADC to decide on planning applications such as this before these plans are completed is against the interests of local democracy and therefore wrong.

As existing Angmering residents we have a right to a reasonable quality of life and for that right to be maintained.

However building more housing developments and destroying more greenfield and horticultural sites to do so, will compromise this right and go against the Government Policy regarding sustainability and quality of family life.

Our children need greenfield sites and clean air, NOT pollution, overcrowded schools, busy roads and overstretched medical facilities.

Please don't allow developers to destroy our village and village life forever.

Yours faithfully,

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