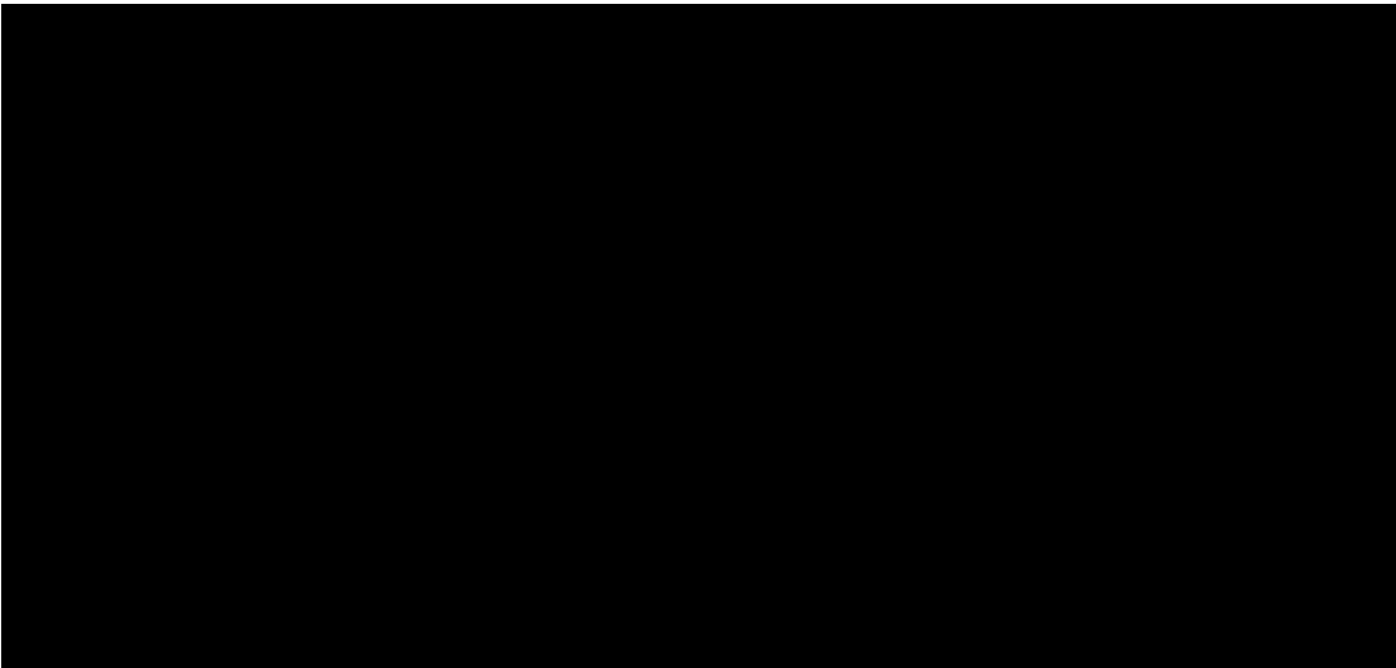




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From: Caro Newling [REDACTED]

Sent: 20 March 2014 16:25

To: Planning

Subject: Re application A/82/12 Barratt - Angmering Village

Dear Officers of Arun Planning,

It is with great concern that I write to oppose the proposed development by Barratt A/82/12 to build 139 houses on the edge of Angmering. This negligible reduction from the 150 houses previously proposed for that same site adjacent to the village, does nothing to mitigate the very real concerns expressed by the Angmering Community in the first place. In effect, these concerns have been again side-stepped in the making of this current application, and we are left with no choice but to voice the exact same concerns about an application which reduces by just 11 houses. Utterly cynical approach by Barratt and they should not be allowed to get away with it.

There are multiple reasons why the proposed scheme is an anomaly. Not least in the way it cuts across ADC policy to build on brownfield sites before eating yet further into greenfield sites.

The environmental consequences of weather cannot surely be lost on a planning department with responsibility for sensible strategy or with any knowledge of the history, lay out and vulnerability to flooding at Angmering.

A cursory walk through Angmering is enough to reveal how very close the village is to becoming grid-locked by the weight of traffic, and how exponential development has reached its absolute limit if the village is to be preserved as a community with its own identity. Those very components of identity that the developers want to out to use in their marketing suites are vulnerable and easily smothered by populating a community beyond its resources to accommodate large numbers.

A/82/12 has not addressed the consequences of its very real impact on traffic management. Not even by addressing how to connect with the nearest arterial road. Already all arterial roads are dramatically over-subscribed but nevertheless utterly ridiculous to ignore in favour of routing yet more cars through a village that is already gridlocked and increasingly unsafe for pedestrians.

The purpose of this building is not clear. Who exactly are these houses for? If for non-local home-owners who are not able to find work locally, why build at all? Why build for people who then have to drive somewhere else to earn a living?

What exactly is the impact of additional demands on existing infra-structure? Have you, as guardians of the council and community sought to measure this? We have.

Schools are up to capacity.

Traffic makes the village all but un-navigable in school run/rush hour.

Medical Centre was designed to deal with the last expansion of the village.

Any respect for a community that has only recently re-calibrated after the last major development, is overtly flouted by this application.

Why is it taking precedence over the Neighborhood Plan which, surely in planning terms, must come first?

Why is this application is being pressed to become reality before the village's own plan and the bigger plan for the region?

Please give the Angmering community respect by answering these questions before allowing the uncontrollable greed of developers to dazzle you with their cynical and underhand tactics. Surely Angmering residents are not the only people capable of understanding that to reduce by just 11 houses and then re-apply without addressing the feedback supposedly sought by village residents is nothing short of a charade. I hope we can count on Arun Planning to rise above such derisory practice, on all our behaves.

Yours faithfully,
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