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Cc : Angmering Parish Council
Nick Herbert MP
Save Angmering Village Campaign

Dear Sirs,

Amended Planning Application A/82/12 Barratt David Wilson Ltd
139 Houses east of Roundstone Lane, Angmering

Further to my letter of 5 September 2012 objecting to the original application for 150 new houses, I write to record my objection to this amended application for 139 new houses. In principle, I do not wish to see further housing development in Angmering but if this is unavoidable, I consider the current application is still unacceptable notwithstanding the small reduction in the number of houses, mainly on the following grounds:

1. **Vehicular access**: Vehicular access to the site is proposed from one point in Roundstone Lane opposite Flint Cottage. This will increase further the volume of traffic towards the village centre, shops and local schools along High Street and up Arundel Road, both of which have insufficient capacity for existing traffic. Access to the proposed development should be mainly off the Angmering Bypass, preferably at a new roundabout situated just south of the existing footbridge near the junction for Ecclesden Manor which would also use such a roundabout. If access has to be provided from Roundstone Lane, it should only be via a new roundabout at the end of Nursery Road but the location of Pound Place would appear to prevent this unless a route along the northern border of the Rugby Club could be negotiated. However, this then would tend to become a through route from the bypass to the south end of Roundstone Lane and must have sufficient capacity but it would take some pressure off the already overloaded roundabouts and single lane carriageway of the A259 between the bypass and Roundstone Lane.

2. **Village car parking:** The facilities of Angmering Village are already difficult to use as there is not sufficient parking available around the village centre and cars are increasingly parked in the High Street further reducing its capacity. I cannot see how an increase in traffic through the village with the attendant parking problems can be prevented when no new schools or shopping facilities are provided for the Roundstone Lane developments, as had originally been promised – human nature cannot be ignored, people will still take their

cars to the village centre. If the experience of the recent development west of Roundstone Lane is an indicator, the Arun District Council's parking and visitor standards are inadequate.

3. **Water supply**: Southern Water will always respond "that potable water supplies will be made available" but that does not address the underlying problem of a lack of water resources in this area. This is the responsibility of the Environment Agency whose attitude to the provision of adequate new water resources always has been negative. Existing local resources are stretched already beyond assessed capacity and this is currently subject to review by the Environment Agency with a view in some cases to reducing existing abstraction licences. The droughts of 1991/92 and 1995/96 amply demonstrated the problems at that time and although progress with leakage control, increases in domestic metering and improvements in Southern Water's distribution systems have alleviated shortages in the meantime, a repeat of the drought conditions experienced twice in the 1990's is likely to cause major problems with saline intrusion to the chalk aquifer. The heavy rainfall events of the past 18 months have taken the problems of drought far from the minds of the general public but the greater frequency of extreme weather conditions almost ensures that severe drought will return with greater severity than has recently been experienced. The increase in population arising from recent and proposed developments in this area since the 1990's ensures that water supplies will become a major concern unless additional resources are made available to Southern Water. If future housing targets are to be imposed on local authorities then the licensing of provision or storage of water resources should be imposed more strongly on the Environment Agency. This is an issue for development control policy which appears to be ignored by Arun District Council.

I do not consider that the proposed development should be approved unless the matters referred to above are adequately addressed.

Yours faithfully,

R.B.Armstrong