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The Planning Department
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Dear Sir

Re Planning Application A/82/12 – Land to the east of Roundstone Lane,
Angmering BN16 4AL

I **object** to the amended planning application made by Barratt David Wilson Ltd. The reduction of eleven houses does not make this application any more acceptable.

Angmering has already seen a number of developments built over the last few decades and it is unfair to pick on Angmering yet again. We have seen more than our fair share of developments and there are plenty of other villages that have not been touched. Any new housing should be spread evenly across **all** the areas in Arun and one area should not be picked out for mass development. This proposed development will only ruin the village and destroy the village way of life for most of its residents. This large development will not bring any benefits to the village only problems.

There were only a few buildings in existence when village was first created. The centre currently does not have enough parking for those wishing to use the shops or village hall. Many people using those facilities choose to park in the doctors' surgery car park instead. I have driven down to the surgery on many occasions and have found myself fighting for a space to park my car. When you enter the surgery you find that only a few people are waiting to see a doctor yet the car park is full. This is grossly unfair for those people who are sick or have poor mobility and need to see a doctor. **The receptionists at the surgery are aware that people using the village hall and shops are parking in the surgery car park but say there is nothing they can do.** Any significant increase in housing will only make the traffic situation and the village parking position worse.

The doctors' surgery is at capacity and when you call to make an appointment you normally have to wait a week or more before you can see a doctor. Any increase in housing will only exacerbate this problem and having to wait even longer for an appointment will be totally unacceptable.

The current roads and pavements in some parts of the village were constructed when Angmering was small and very little road traffic existed. Some of the pavements are very narrow and are dangerous to use even now. During the morning and evening

rush hour it can be a nightmare to drive through the village. The roads are congested with cars as people try to get to and from work or the schools. I feel very sorry for any parent trying to walk their children to school as it is very dangerous. This new development will see a large increase in road traffic and will only increase the likelihood of a serious accident. The Agency responsible for highways should reject the planning application because of this.

Who are these houses being built for? There are continually houses for sale in Angmering and some of these houses remain on the market for a considerable length of time. If there is such a shortage of housing then surely these houses would be bought quickly. A large number of jobs have been lost in Angmering as nurseries, which use to provide work for the villagers, have closed. More will be lost if VHB Nurseries close. The Council should be concentrating on finding new businesses for this site and creating more jobs for the locals. The few new jobs that have been created with the opening of various supermarkets do not attract the kind of wages that will enable the locals to buy these new houses. The new residents will move in from outside the area and then will have to travel back out of the area to go to work. Those travelling to work by car will be increasing the carbon emissions making the air unhealthy to breathe. This is hardly the healthy countryside living that most people want when choosing to live in Angmering. Any new residents wishing to use the train will find the station car park already full and will end up parking their cars in Downs Way or other nearby roads. This is extremely unfair for those residents to have other peoples cars parked outside their houses all day. The car parking in Downs Way already causes a problem and I have seen ambulances having to use the pavement to get through.

The summer of 2012 saw a hosepipe ban which shows that Southern Water does not have the infrastructure needed to supply water to the existing homes. The building of 139 houses will cause a large increase in the demand for water. I do not see how Southern Water can increase their water supply when there is a drought. We may have experienced high rain fall recently but according to predictions with global warming we will experience more extreme drought conditions in the future. It would be highly irresponsible to allow a development of this size to take place when Southern Water cannot guarantee a supply of water to the housing that already exists.

This building application or any future application is not wanted by the vast majority of the residents of Angmering. I would ask that the Council listen to the views of the village residents. Our draft Neighbourhood Plan sets out the development needs for the local inhabitants. We are not saying no to any houses being built only to any large scale development that will stop our village being a village.

This planning application should be refused for the reasons I have given above.

Yours faithfully

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