

Sent: 25 March 2014 16:48

To: Planning

Subject: FAO Peter Cleveland re Planning Application A/82/12

Dear Mr Cleveland

I wish to register my opposition to the above application including the recent amendment; the reduction from 150 houses to 139 is not enough to make this an acceptable plan – what real difference does 11 fewer houses make!

On 26 September 2012 I wrote to you opposing the development of this site and I still oppose it for the reasons summarised below.

The site chosen is too large; as a resident of Angmering I would prefer to see small areas of housing scattered through the village on brownfield sites rather than large-scale developments on greenfield sites. I believe this is preferable in terms of impact on the village, and would be the best way to preserve its character and community. Developers prefer to use green field sites because it is easier to plough up a field rather than clear a site thus maximising their profits. And, importantly, Arun's policy is to build on brownfield sites before greenfield ones, and to avoid building outside the built up area. This application fails on both counts.

There is no evidence of a need for this large-scale development in Angmering - there aren't enough local jobs which would pay sufficient wages to pay for these expensive houses. So people would move into the area to live in them but work out of the area thus putting further pressure on the congested roads and crowded public transport.

This development is not in line with the Angmering Neighbourhood Plan; considerable time and effort has gone into producing a viable and forward-thinking plan to ensure the village prospers and sustains its life and community.

We already have problems with flooding and this will become worse if green fields are concreted over. Additionally, in the event of a drought, more concrete prevents rain soaking away thus exacerbating the water shortage. These issues are even more important since the extreme weather of last winter.

The application does not include a link road to the by-pass, thus traffic to and from the A27 will be very likely to pass through the village. The current traffic through the village is heavy enough without adding more; the traffic moves dangerously fast, preferring to come through the village rather than use the by-pass, there are blind corners and narrow roads with parking on the side. There is already a lack of parking for the existing village shops and there is no capacity for more. With the proposed development the traffic and congestion would become intolerable, and serious accidents are inevitable. The developers appear to be guilty of a callous disregard for the safety and well-being of the existing residents of the village.

It is important that the existing residents right to a reasonable quality of life is not ignored or compromised. Government Policy supports sustainability and quality of family life.

I strongly oppose this plan and the amendment and believe that the arguments against it are compelling, and that there are no valid ones in favour of it.

Yours sincerely

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