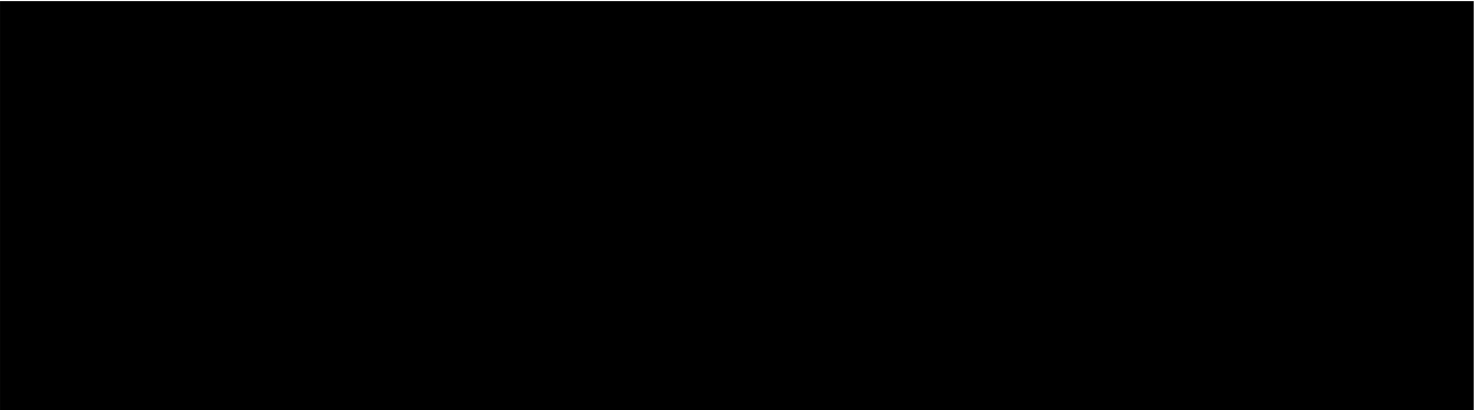




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To: Planning

Subject: Barrett's revised application A/82/12 for 139 houses

I object to Barratt's revised application A/82/12 on several grounds.

The Angmering Neighbourhood Plan is still being prepared. This proposed development should not be considered or any decisions made before the views of the local residents have been heard. The Localism Act 2011 allows communities to have a say on where new homes should be built and have more control over housing and planning decisions. The Arun Draft Local Plan states that proposed developments must be based on sound evidence of housing need and there does not appear to be a need for a housing development on this scale in the parish.

Also it is one of Arun's policies to build on brownfield sites before greenfield sites. At the moment there is a public footpath through an existing greenfield area along the northern boundary of the Rugby Club leading to the footpath running alongside the A280, Angmering Bypass. This would be lost with this new development just as the path going south from the allotments to the A259 was lost when Bramley Green was built. This footpath is now just a pavement and criss-crossed by the roads through Bramley Green in several places. Pedestrians no longer have the right of way they once had.

This proposed development, being on a greenfield site, would also have a detrimental effect on surface water drainage and sewerage which is already at capacity as demonstrated by the recent flooding in the village.

This large development would inevitably generate more traffic around Angmering and increase the problems we currently have with congestion and speed which affects the safety of road users in the village. Walking along Station Road to access the village is already a very unpleasant experience even with the current volumes of traffic. Most of the traffic does not keep to the speed limit and the one pavement is very narrow. Further afield, there are already major problems with road congestion and traffic blackspots at Crossbush and through Arundel, along the A259 where it is single carriageway and along the A27 through Worthing. Although Angmering has a railway station it is not within easy walking distance of this proposed development and most people would probably drive there. Already there is not enough car parking at the station and cars park in the nearby roads causing congestion. These roads, especially Downs Way, are also used as a rat run to avoid hold-ups on the A259. All this traffic congestion has an environmental impact which would only get worse.

There will be insufficient capacity in our local schools for the additional children. The classes are already overcrowded and some Angmering pupils currently have to attend schools outside of the village. All our schools are sited in Arundel Road and are not within walking distance of this proposed development. Children would then be driven to school - increased traffic through the village yet again. Much of this traffic would have to negotiate the hill at the village end of the High Street or possibly along Weavers Hill - both these options have safety and congestion issues with parked cars and bends restricting views of oncoming traffic.

There is much public concern about more large scale housing developments here in Angmering. This particular application could just be the start of even more and Angmering village would no longer be a pleasant place to live.

I trust Arun District Council will take the feelings of the residents of Angmering village into account when they consider this application.

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