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Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to object to the revised planning application A/82/12.

There are many reasons to my objection, aside from the fact that there is no real requirement for any further large scale housing development in Angmering, nor for such a high percentage of stock to be Social Housing.

First of all, Arun has a policy to build on brownfield sites before greenfield sites and to avoid developing outside the built up area. To allow this development to go ahead would go against these policies. There are areas in Arun that actually need to be redeveloped and there are brownfield sites which may be improved by redevelopment. These sites should be utilised before we should even consider destroying our countryside.

There are also plenty of unsold houses in Arun. Many of these houses are brand new ones and close to Angmering so why build even more?

The planned development is on the edge of the Conservation area, which includes historic and listed buildings. New housing estates such as the this one, are not sympathetic to such areas and would detract from the charm and desirability of the village. In fact if the builders are allowed to continue concreting over so many of our beautiful fields I feel sure the attraction to live here in Angmering will be lost forever.

On this point, reducing our green areas will of course reduce the surface area for rain to soak away. Obviously this will increase the problems Angmering suffers with both drought and flooding. Even now Angmering is one of the areas in Arun most prone to flooding.

Angmering does not have suitable infrastructure for so many new houses in this area.

We suffer water shortages and the sewage and drainage pipes are inadequate (proven by the collapse of pipes in The Dell). Consider the extra strain this new development would put on this already challenged area.

The roads are already prone to traffic queues. Roundstone Lane, Water Lane and Station Road all have dreadful queues, not least because of the pinch points. The A259 single carriageway is a constant bottleneck and the village roads are old and narrow. All roads out of Angmering suffer from traffic. The fact that all roads proposed for the new estate would lead onto Roundstone Lane show a serious lack of planning and judgement and would make the 'lane' far too busy.

The extra housing would also put further strain on our roads which were not built for the heavy lorries, increased traffic and extra bus services that would result.

Presumably the people buying these houses would need to commute to work as they would be unlikely to work in Angmering, putting lots more cars on the road. Not to mention the fact that the houses would be built in the south of the village whilst the schools are in the north, further increasing traffic flows and of course pollution.

Already the primary schools are so full that it is deemed acceptable to have 37 or more pupils in a class. I have no knowledge of the senior schools. Even if these schools could take more pupils it is ridiculous to put houses and schools at opposite ends of the village and so far away!

As the owner of a Listed building on Roundstone Lane I am extremely worried about the negative impact the extra traffic would have on my home which is close to the road and obviously the other historic buildings in the vicinity. After all, these homes were deemed important enough to be listed so they should be protected. It seems ridiculous the huge restrictions placed on owners of Listed buildings when you consider the damage builders can do to an entire village so close by.

We moved here to enjoy a beautiful historical home on the edge of a small village, with fields close by and proximity to the Downs. We looked forward to clean air and quiet roads. Somewhere we would enjoy bringing up the children. If this building project is allowed to go ahead we will instead be faced with traffic fumes and noise pollution in our home and garden, our quality of life will be severely compromised. The road outside our home would be even busier and

more dangerous and the lovely green fields would be gone. Angmering would no longer be a desirable village in which to live.

Please do not allow this to happen.

Yours faithfully,

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