Dear Mr Stack

Re: Barratts Planning Application Ref: A/82/12 for Development of 150 Dwellings on land between Roundstone Lane and A280 Angmering by Pass.

We wish to strongly object to the above application currently before you. In our opinion the application should be refused for, at least, the following reasons.

1. Recent survey research has shown that locally there is neither the need nor appetite for any further large scale housing development following the Bramley Green development, which incidentally increased the parish population by some 27% in one hit.

2. The current infrastructure will not support the proposed development and if history suggests anything, it is that additional infrastructure benefits offered to "Help" the planning process tend to dematerialise post approval.

3. Current and projected local employment will not sustain the influx of a further 500/600 people. In the final analysis it is probable that jobs may actually be lost due to this development.

In the light of the above and in the spirit of the recent Localism Act we would ask you to summarily refuse Barratt's application.

Yours sincerely

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Cc: Rt. Hon. Nick Herbert M.P.
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Copied to: **Angmering Parish Council**
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Reference: Barratt's Planning Application No. A/82/12

Dear Sir/Madam,

I object to the Barratt's planning application referred to above primarily on how it will affect my, and my wife's expectation of quality of life after moving here from Croydon five years ago. However, there are several other reservations that I feel need to be given serious attention in your consideration of their application.

2. We moved here in 2007 from the urban environment of Croydon to the rural area of Angmering, ideally situated between the sea and South Downs. Having both retired prior to our move we looked forward to enjoying everything this area had to offer. We have not been disappointed and have been very happy experiencing the rural way of life here in the village, the seaside attractions of both Littlehampton and Worthing and the country delights in what has now been designated, "The South Downs National Park." I hope you can appreciate therefore, our increasing concern and despair (this is not too strong a word for our feelings) that the prospect of this and other possible planning applications proposed in Angmering might have on the area in the coming years. We feel blighted by the prospect of that happening and it becoming increasingly urbanised something from which had hoped to 'escape'. We are disappointed that our expectations of quality of life might now be so different than when we invested in our retirement here to Angmering and Littlehampton just five years ago. We have thought already about moving away should any or all of the proposed developments be approved. How disappointing!

3. During the relatively short time we have been resident here, two developments have taken, or are taking place that are already having an effect on the area; They are the recently expanded Haskins Garden centre on the A259 Roundstone by-pass, and that of the new ASDA supermarket on Littlehampton Road. Both have increased the traffic congestion significantly at certain times of the day especially when exiting from

Roundstone Lane. We find that we have to allow extra time to take into account the congestion when wanting to drive east, especially when attending morning appointments in Worthing or beyond. This has resulted in us driving out to the north via Weavers Hill and Water lane and returning to the A259 via Titnore Lane at Goring Crossways. We have noticed other local traffic following the same route to avoid the congestion thus putting additional burden on village and rural roads. The new ASDA supermarket highway reconfiguration has added further to the extreme traffic congestion in the whole area, both in easterly and westerly directions. This means that we have to return by the same route above or by the A27 (from more outlying areas) to avoid afternoon and evening westbound traffic congestion. The ASDA development seems to prove what might result from additional building in the area of Roundstone Lane. This, especially on a much smaller road with the potential to add significantly more traffic to the surrounding highways depending on the size of any proposed developments.

4. Paragraph 3 above leads us to express very real concerns about what could be the effects of extensive building off Roundstone Lane. At present there are only two vehicle exits from the Bramley Green development (approximately 600 homes) where we reside currently. The one we favour most is the exit to the south onto the A259 which helps prevent unnecessary traffic onto the considerably narrower roads north into Angmering village or out to the Water Lane by-pass via Weavers Hill (as mentioned above). Any developments off Roundstone Lane will add to the congestion, noise and pollution levels of our immediate vicinity. We have nagging concerns that any domestic emergency requiring emergency vehicle attendance could be hampered significantly because of the limited access roads and local congestion into what is already a large residential area. This especially when the nearest fire station is located south of the railway level crossing in East Preston and the nearest ambulance stations are located east at West Durrington and west in Littlehampton. From both of these locations, emergency vehicles would have to negotiate the A259 subject to the prevailing traffic conditions currently!

5. Another area of concern is what the effect will be on our local infrastructure if this application and others are approved. At present, my wife and I cannot make an appointment to see our GP within one to two weeks which, whilst we have put up with the situation we do not consider to be satisfactory. What will the prospects be with considerably more housing in the area? Although, not affecting us directly, school places would be put under great strain, especially as an additional school promised, apparently with the building of the Bramley Green development, was not honoured. That would not be in accord with the current Government's strategy for smaller classes and better quality of schooling in general. Ideals for which we subscribe absolutely, having two grandchildren that we would want to believe have an expectation of an equal and rounded quality of education.

6. With a view to the current Government strategy favouring developments being built on 'brown field sites', this application does not seem to fit in with that criteria. The area to which the application refers is predominantly a green field site, where until quite recently we enjoyed the sight of horses grazing whilst on our walks to the village, Manor Nursery or Highdown Hill. What a pity that the building of a supermarket on what was a 'brown field' site could not have been more suitably used

for a residential development of this nature. We are in favour of smaller, residential developments to help with providing essential housing to local people particularly at prices appropriate and commensurate with their personal circumstances. These should, however, be researched thoroughly to ensure minimum impact on the infrastructure, surroundings and current residents' expectations. Angmering is a lovely village with, at present, a good balance between populace, politeness and buildings and it should be preserved as a sign of both local and central governments'commitment to the rural quality of life.

I would urge you finally, to take the above points into consideration but especially to defer your decision until after analysing comprehensively both the completed Arun and Angmering draft Neighbourhood Plans.

Yours faithfully

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Mr GM & Mrs L PINI