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The Planning Department
Arun District Council
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Dear Sir/Madam

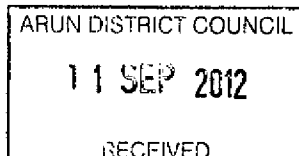
BARRATTS PLANNING APPLICATION REFERENCE NUMBER A/82/12

I write to strongly object to the above planning application for 150 houses east of Roundstone Lane, Angmering.

There are a number of reasons why I object to this significant development, firstly is the fact that I have not seen any evidence to demonstrate the need for this development in Angmering, which surely must be essential information to enable Arun District Council (ADC) to consider such an application. There are new and existing properties in the Arun area that remain unsold so why do we need more? In addition I had understood that it is ADC policy to develop brownfield sites before greenfield sites, which is consistent with the amended planning framework published by the Government in April 2012 to protect greenfield sites. The development of and subsequent concreting over of greenfield sites will increase the risk of both flooding and indeed drought as this will result in a reduction of the surface area for rainwater to soak away. As you are well aware there was significant flooding in the village only a few weeks ago as the poor residents of Water Lane can testify.

Approval of this development by ADC would have a significant and detrimental impact on both Angmering and indeed the surrounding area. A development on this scale will increase the population of the village significantly and these people will require employment, schools and access to medical services. The congestion in and around Angmering is significant at times. The A259 is often very congested with significant bottle-necks on single carriageways and this will only increase with this development. Traffic through Angmering village itself is already problematic, it is often very congested, with speeding drivers, which the traffic calming has done little to improve in fact they in themselves are dangerous in places. An increase in the population of the village will only result in an increase of these problems.

The development at Bramley Green, Angmering increased the population of Angmering by 27%. This had a significant impact on the local schools and the promised new school was never built. There are already overcrowded classes and this development will just make this situation worse. In addition this proposed development is in the south of the village where as the schools are in the north of village so there will be an inevitable increase of parents taking children to and from school by car. Congestion at the start and end of the school day is already unacceptable and dangerous



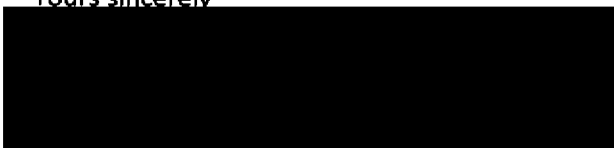
both for drivers and pedestrians, due to narrow roads and parked cars and this development will just increase these risks.

On a more personal note my family have lived in Angmering for 25 years, my parents retired here in the 1980s. Following their deaths I now live in their old home. One of the reasons we chose to live here is because we appreciated the countryside and village life, which is slowly being taken from us. As residents we have a right to a decent quality of life, something I believed was supported by Government Policy, which over development of the village will compromise.

If there is a demonstrable need for new homes in the village then small developments of new houses scattered throughout the village, where the impact is of much less significance, should be the way forward rather than large scale developments.

I do hope that ADC will listen carefully to the views of the current residents of Angmering village and take account of the negative impact, in so many ways, that a large scale development will have. I also have concerns that to approve this planning application will pave the way for further developments in the village we are all aware are being considered which will be the end of Angmering village as we know it.

Yours sincerely



Miss S. J Falvey

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Save Angmering Village