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From: Peter Cleveland
Sent: 12 October 2012 12:38
To: Planning.Responses
Subject: FW: Objection to Barratt's planning application A/82/12
Attachments: ADC re Barretts.docx

Please could the attached be acknowledged as an objection to A/82/12/

Thanks
Peter

From: Craig Bennett **On Behalf Of** LocalDevelopment Framework
Sent: 12 October 2012 11:40
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This one is for you apparently.

Was in the LDF inbox.

Cheers
Craig

From: Euphrosene Labon [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 September 2012 16:43
To: LocalDevelopment Framework; Planning; nick [REDACTED]
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Subject: Objection to Barratt's planning application A/82/12

Dear Mr Meecham

Please find attached a copy of my letter objecting to the proposed Barratt's development.

If you do not want to or cannot open the document, I have added it here under my auto-sig.

Sincerely
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5th September 2012

Dear Mr Meecham

Re Barratt's planning application A/82/12 for 150 houses

Part of me feels writing (again) will be a wasted effort since the council makes a pretence of listening but then still carries on regardless of the effect on residents. Or so it seems to me.

However, I *am* writing again - in frustrated protest - and hope that good sense will prevail. And this protest is not from a Nimby. There are many potent reasons why continuing to add homes, to what is already becoming a crowded county, is a singularly bad idea.

From what I have understood, the need for affordable housing could be met with existing empty homes, therefore it looks likely that any further development is to bring in people from other parts of the country. Why?

That said I accept a small rise in housing may be necessary -- though nowhere near that demanded by Barratt and other developers.

Developers like Barratt and similar are not interested in building a smaller number of homes around existing properties. They want large-scale developments that rape huge areas of land, hogging transport and other resources. Once they have completed their land grab, they are off to lay claim to another unspoiled area of Southern Britain, without a backwards glance.

Tough if buyers expected decent schools, decent roads, medical facilities or even a decent water supply. That is no longer Barratt's concern!

To repeat, perhaps less emotively, there are already issues here with flooding. Increased concretisation of the land can and will only make that worse.

Traffic is already horrendous at peak times. More houses means more people and more cars -- with yet longer and more ecologically-challenging traffic jams.

The current infrastructure is already inadequate in virtually every area.

I have no children so cannot comment personally regarding schools. That said, I am very aware of the multitude of issues already plaguing the area: Arundel Road congestion, overcrowded classes, and so on.

We, however, would have lost more of the beauty and serenity of the area and gained excess noise, excess pollution and an excess of people. And we will have to fight for more parking, more road safety, more harmony with this increased population.

Meanwhile what would all these incomers do to pay their mortgages?

Of the working population in this neck of the woods, most are either home-based or commute out. This is likely to be increased with more people coming into the area, with its subsequent impact on traffic and

safety. Increased use of roads means more emissions and more degradation of life other than that of humans!

The quality of life has indeed already degraded since I was born here in 1952 and was subsequently schooled, also here, from 1967-1970, returning to buy my first home in 1980, and then returning again in 1998 after I clawed my way back up after the last recession.

I do not want to leave again (not that I can currently afford to!) so am fighting to retain the last vestiges of harmony and beauty that this county has left.

Why do we need more houses when there are far too many new and existing houses in the Arun area that remain unsold?

Why is Arun District Council persisting with its housing plans but making absolutely no improvements to the A27 at Arundel?

How can Arun change its employment profile from one that is predominantly low-paid and seasonal? And how would building hundreds of new homes change things? If anything it would probably make things worse.

This region does not make it easy for businesses to have access to their customers or to easily ship their goods so, again, I cannot understand why so many houses are planned when there will not be local or easily commutable jobs for them.

If I have repeated myself, it is understandable given the lack of will by Arun to actually listen to our concerns with any degree of empathy.

There seems to be an intransigent desire to ignore us and kowtow to all builders, kicking off with Barratt – who would win any first prize for riding roughshod over local residents in their objectives of building mostly unnecessary houses.

So this is my protest, for what it's worth. Not cobbled together from standard paragraphs and not based on selfish nimbyism!

I was born here and I care about my county a lot. None of us can stop change, but there is good change and there is bad change. This proposed development firmly fits into the bad change category.

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