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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my personal objection to Barratt's planning application reference number A/82/12 and any other large scale building proposals for Angmering.

My wife and I have lived in the village since 1994 and have seen many changes since then. We have two children who have attended St Wilfrid's primary school and are both members of local sports teams.

We both remember very clearly the impact made by the development of Bramley Green and the negative effects of such large scale housing estates. We know several families who now live on the Bramley Green estate and in not one case does the major wage earner work in the local area; all either commute by car or use the already overcrowded railway facilities. Many of the original buyers of the new properties have since moved-on and there are many houses on the estate up for sale.

I cannot see how the development of even more housing in the area can possibly be justified in a 'village' where the infrastructure, especially the road network and doctor's surgery are already struggling. My wife and I both have to commute to work - I work in Godalming and my wife in Dorking. The road network is

already a nightmare at rush hour and school drop-off and pick-up times - how will it possibly cope with another large estate's worth of traffic at these peak times? Given that the main road out of any new estate on the Rugby club site will inevitably be the A259, how will this single carriageway, already groaning and almost stationary, cater for the extra traffic. Add to this the inspired idea to build yet another garden centre, supermarket and associated traffic control on the A259 at Ferring and you surely have the perfect recipe for total gridlock. How can this inevitable transport bottle-neck be in keeping with any Government environmental policy - lots of slow moving traffic belching fumes near a residential area?

I was originally attracted to Angmering as a place to raise a family, given the open spaces, school facilities and easily accessible local amenities. There was a 'village' feel to the area and it was a very pleasant place to be. Even since Bramley Green was built I've noticed that this feeling has changed. It seems that even simple pleasures like taking the children for a cycle ride in the country have become major exercises in dodging the traffic and avoiding the busy main roads - especially Roundstone Lane and Arundel Road. The roads are already too busy and of course, we have the wonderful traffic calming system which really hasn't helped at all and indeed only seems to add to the congestion. More houses means more traffic and the roads already aren't able to cope.

It's difficult to see what employment opportunities there are locally which would provide sufficiently diverse jobs for any new families moving into the area. This therefore means anyone moving in will almost certainly have to commute to work. Anyone living locally who already commutes knows what a challenge this can be. The roads are crowded and the railway station car park already overflows into the surrounding streets. More commuters means more congestion and pressure on inadequate facilities.

The classes at both primary schools have also increased in size since our boys started. We were initially very pleased with the intimate, caring environment provided by the village school. We've since noticed that with increasing numbers in the classroom the school has lost some of that 'feel' and it seems that the staff are just about managing to maintain the high levels of attention and care that they endeavour to provide. I am extremely concerned that with even more pressure due to more pupils, the standards will suffer and the schools will simply become average rather than excellent places for children to take their first steps in education. Can this extra pressure be fair on both the already stressed staff and equally importantly the pupils already at the schools?

Given that in my opinion, the majority of homeowners on the existing Bramley Green estate moved into the area, how can it be claimed that extra housing is required for 'local' families - and how can it be true that locals need new houses given that many houses still for sale in the village attract buyers from outside the area? Indeed I recall the advertising literature supplied by the builders of some of the Bramley Green estate (Barratts, funnily enough) which was almost deliberately written to attract people into the area because of it's wonderful location - near the seaside and handy for walks on the South Downs - not exactly targeted at locals needing new housing I feel. It's certain that this would be case with any new developments - more people moving into the area rather than locals moving within it.

My concerns and objections to the proposals in application A/82/12 and any other applications are basically that, the area is already suffering as a result of previous large scale developments. The local residents are already the victims of the results of these changes to their environment and the quality of life that the area provides could be significantly compromised if further building as allowed to go ahead. The very things that make the village such an attractive place to live would be destroyed and I would like to hereby express my absolute objection to any building plans for large scale developments such as that proposed in the application A/82/12.

Yours Faithfully,
Duncan Lee