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Dear Sir/Madam,

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015

Application No: BE/104/21/PL
Site Address: Land Adjoining the Tesco Express 351 Chichester Road Bognor Regis PO21 5AN
Description of works: Erection of 7 No. 2-storey dwellings consisting of 3 No. 2 bed units & 4 No. 3 bed units, access, parking, cycle storage, bin store and other associated landscape works. This site is in CIL Zone 4 & is CIL Liable as new dwellings.

Thank you for your internet representation made on 29th July 2021 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

OWPC38955

Objection to Development

Dear Ms Tomalova

I wish to object to the proposed development of the land adjoining Tesco Express in North Bersted. (BE/104/21/PL).

My property in Bedford Avenue lies directly to the south of the proposed development, with my back garden a few meters from the proposed new block of four houses.

I disagree with the applicant's assessment of the unused land to the rear of the former Rising Sun Public House. This area was the garden of the public house and as such had never been built on. The trees that the applicant seems to treat with a somewhat cavalier approach are mature and home to many species of birds, nesting or otherwise.

Apart from birds, an area of land such as this will be home to a considerable amount of other creatures, for example: insects and small mammals such as hedgehogs. Bats have also been seen. The whole area could be considered a haven for wildlife.

My wife and I get great pleasure from attracting this wildlife into our garden, hedgehogs are frequent visitors, often several. I understand from neighbours that they also see hedgehogs in their gardens and we have on

occasions seen a bat in our garden flitting over the pond.

It would be impossible not to be aware of the constant reports in the media of wholesale damage to the environment with a constant decline in wildlife resulting in many creatures being on the brink of extinction. A substantial amount of this damage is caused by destruction of the natural habitat. The UK government itself has indicated a need for everyone to care for nature. Developments such as this fly in the face of the recognized need. Do we not have a responsibility to preserve and care for wildlife areas such as this.

Birds may nest and rear their chicks only in the summer months, however they are still there in the winter, searching for food and roosting. More importantly please think of this, creatures are hibernating and insects changing from eggs to adults ready to emerge in the spring. Let us now consider the hibernating hedgehog deep in slumber. Take a moment to allow your mind to see that hedgehog, warm, safe in its winter home, when suddenly a digger bucket slices through its nest, the confused, terrified hedgehog, possibly injured, tries to run if it can until the bucket descends again. This is repeated time and time again. This is the grim reality of building development.

Your views as made above will be considered before the application is determined.

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The majority of applications are determined under delegated powers by officers. Further information on the decision making process can be found on the website at :<https://www.arun.gov.uk/planning-decision-process>.

Some applications will be determined by the Planning Committee, and I shall write and inform you of the date of the meeting and the procedures for public speaking if this is the case. However, if your representation has been received after the agenda for the meeting has been finalised and the notifications have been generated, you will not receive notification. In this case, you will need to track the progress of the application on the council's website <https://www.arun.gov.uk/weekly-lists>

Any comments that are received after the agenda has been finalised will be separately reported to the members of the Planning Committee.

Regardless of how the application is determined I will notify you of the decision.

Yours sincerely



Neil Crowther
Group Head of Planning

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