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Your Ref: OWPC14684
Our Ref: BE/79/17/PL 21-06-2017
Please ask for:
Mr S Davis

26th July 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Change of use of land for skip storage
Babsham Business Centre Babsham Lane Bersted

Thank you for your internet representation made on 25th July 2017 which has been recorded as '**an objection**' with the comments as follows:

In addition to my previously submitted comment. I am aware that the applicant has not undertaken surveys for wildlife (Biodiversity Checklist) and has indicated for all categories that there is no evidence of nesting sites or habitats. Whilst I cannot comment on the site directly I can confirm the following:

- 1. Bats are seen most nights after dusk flying along the gardens which back onto this site. (For example I witnessed them flying on evening of 23rd July 2017). They have been a feature of this area for at least 15 years and must be nesting close by. Several years ago we had one enter a bedroom accidentally, and had to let it out.*
- 2. Hedgehogs used to frequent my garden. We even call an automatic light in our garden 'the hedgehog light' as it was triggered invariably by hedgehogs passing by. We have had decreasing hedgehog visits in the last few years.*
- 3. Birds of prey. The field, farm and hedgerows along the back of the gardens of Babsham Lane are frequented in some years by Sparrow Hawks and Buzzards. They are seen hunting along the edge of the field indicating the presence of small mammal prey in and around the proposed site.*
- 4. During the five years prior to recent developments (the bypass, new estates and intensification of farming including poly tunnels) we used to have increased levels of wildlife. I have photos from that period of garden visitors including a weasel, a family of ducks with ducklings, male pheasant, pair of partridges, coal tits, green woodpecker, sparrow hawk, heron, dunnock. Such sightings are becoming increasingly rare, and in the last three years I have only seen the heron.*

I believe the council has a duty to assess the full impact on biodiversity of this and all further development in the Babsham Lane area.

Your views will be considered before the application is determined and I shall write to inform you of any decision made.

Please be aware that if the application is to be determined by the Council's Development Control committee and your letter has been received at a late stage after the Agenda has been published you will not receive a separate letter notifying you of the date of the meeting and procedures for public speaking. In such circumstances it is recommended that you track the progress of the application on the Council's website or telephone the Council for further information. Please be advised that any comments you make that are not included within the Committee Agenda will be reported to the Members of the Development Control committee. Please also be aware that only a small number of all planning applications received go the Development Control Committee. Most are determined under delegated powers by Officers in which case your comments will again be

considered before the application is determined.

Please be aware that Planning Services operate an 'open file' policy and will publish details of your comments on the internet on the Arun District Council Planning section. Please ensure that you only provide information that you are happy will be made available in this way. If you supply information belonging to a third party, please ensure you have their permission to do so. If you do not wish your comments to appear on the 'open file' please confirm this in writing and I will arrange for it to be destroyed although this means that its contents will then be disregarded.

In the event of a subsequent written representations appeal, against a refusal of planning permission on a householder application, any representations made on the application will be automatically forwarded to the Secretary of State. Unlike all other types of appeal, there will be no further opportunity to comment at the appeal stage.

Yours faithfully

Neil Crowther
Group Head of Planning