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Dear Sir/Madam,

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Town & Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 5

Application No: BN/11/22/OUT
Site Address: Barnham, Eastergate, Westergate BEW Parcel SC1 Barnham
Description of works: Outline application with all matters reserved (except for the A29 Realignment) for the demolition of existing structures and mixed use development to provide up to 1,250 residential dwellings (Use Class C3), Care Home/Senior Living Accommodation (Use Class C2/C3), flexible retail and community floorspace (Use Classes E/F2/Sui Generis), a Primary School plus open space, landscaping, drainage and all other associated ancillary works; and realignment of the A29 and early connection to existing A29 including construction of a new road carriageway, junctions and associated infrastructure. This application also lies within the parish of Aldingbourne, affects the setting of listed buildings, affects the character & appearance of the Eastergate Church Lane Conservation Area and affects a Public Right of Way. This application is the subject of an Environmental Statement.

Thank you for your internet representation made on 20th February 2024 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

OWPC64893

The Bognor Regis GI Framework - A Landscape & General Framework connecting Bognor Regis to the South Downs National Park dated January 2020 outlines a Rife Valley route which goes through the BEW green space element in the master plan and envisages a route for walkers, cyclists and horse riders. This is in line with with policies in the Arun Local Plan (eg. section 15) which outlines the lack of bridleway connectivity between the coast and the SDNP and clear desire to rectify these deficiencies. Whilst the text of the GI Strategy Report mostly refers to walkers and cyclists, it is clear from the plans of the various sections which make up the whole route that the intention was the inclusion of horse riders (note how the route is annotated). It is noted also that the consultation response from the County Council in relation to existing rights of way is that their clear preference is that they be upgraded to full bridleway status. Therefore, I would encourage Arun DC to insist upon this as a condition, or else risk leaving themselves open to criticism of prejudice and misogyny since most horse riders are women whereas over 70% of cyclists are male (Cycling UK figures). It would surely be inexcusable to produce a policy framework document such as the Bognor Regis GI Framework and then leave out one of the intended beneficiaries, especially when there are new measures in

the Highway Code which identifies horse riders amongst the three most vulnerable road users together with walkers and cyclists? I convey therefore the wishes of all local horse riders that they do not continually witness their needs being overlooked when opportunities present themselves to provide a genuinely multi-user greenway route, as per your strategy document. Please insist this be provided as part of a holistic approach to the BEW master plan green linear park element.

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

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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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