



Parish Office: C/o Aldingbourne Community Sports Centre, Olivers Meadow, Westergate, PO20 3YA



Mr D Easton
Planning Case Officer
Arun District Council

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Dear Mr Easton

Planning Application BN/11/22/OUT

Aldingbourne Parish Council (APC) has noted carefully the points made by the applicants in their Supplementary Planning Statement of 21st December 2023, but nevertheless **objects** to the above application.

The Council supports the objections raised by Barnham and Eastergate Parish Council (BEPC), within whose parish the major part of the application lies.

Aldingbourne Parish Council's most fundamental objection to the application is that progression of the Barnham/Eastergate/Westgate Strategic Allocation (BEWSA) should not be being dealt with through individual planning applications such as this one.

In September 2023, the Parish Council commissioned planning consultant Steve Tilbury MSc Associate RTPI to produce a report for us on the BEWSA process and current state of the scheme (copy sent to ADC CEO). He wrote in his report that bringing forward the Strategic Allocation through successive planning applications '*undermined the fundamental purpose of producing the Framework Masterplan* [Tilbury report s22].

He continued:

*'The FM could and should have ensured that there is clarity and a basis in policy to require aspects of infrastructure delivery, **such as the timing of the realignment of the A29**, with which individual planning applications should then comply'* [s22].

The report added:

'This reliance on individual planning applications creates considerable risks for the local planning authority, local communities and for [site] promoters themselves' [s24].

Like Barnham & Eastergate Parish Council, Aldingbourne Parish Council considers that the application should not be determined until such time as the A29 realignment has been completed from end-to-end, North and South of the railway line.

Turning to the specific responses by the applicants to objections raised by statutory consultees and others in their Supplementary Planning Statement:

- APC does not consider that **sewerage infrastructure** locally will be able to cope with a development of 1,250 homes as proposed in the application. We note that an important part of the sewerage infrastructure in Barnham collapsed only days before the Statement was published. We have no confidence in the applicant's refusal to accept the following condition required by Southern Water in order to remove its objection to the scheme:

'Occupation of the development is to be phased and implemented to align with the delivery by Southern Water of any sewerage network reinforcement required to ensure that adequate wastewater network capacity is available to adequately drain the development' [Supplementary Planning Statement Table 1, p6, response to Southern Water comments]

- We remain extremely concerned that the existing A29, plus the local road network including Church Lane in Barnham/Eastergate, will be **insufficient to cope with the additional vehicle traffic** generated by the proposed development before the new A29 is constructed. We note that the applicants state that National Highways' conditions for rescinding their objections to the scheme's impact on the strategic road network are 'not appropriate' and 'not reasonable' [ibid, response to National Highways comments]
- APC supports the objections of WSCC on **lack of secondary education provision**, specifically that a school site has not been allocated or secured, and does not consider that the applicants' response, that they will make appropriate financial contributions, sufficient.

Yours sincerely

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Chair of Planning