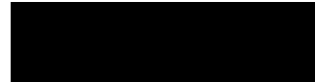


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30th January 2020

Development Control,

Arun District Council,

Arun Civic Centre,

Maltravers Road,

Littlehampton,

West Sussex

BN17 5LF

Dear Sir,

Re: Planning Application BN/128/19/OUT – For a 70 bedroom 2 storey Care Home plus 14 assisted living bungalows to be built on land adjoining "Highfield" Yapton Road, Barnham.

It is with great concern that we have today learned of the Planning Application for the proposed building of a care home complex in the field attached to "Highfield" in Yapton Road Barnham, which is directly opposite our home and we formally wish to oppose this application in the strongest possible terms for the following reasons.

1) Road Safety – This road and the single footpath are both extremely narrow and although in a 30mph speed limit few cars take notice. Over the last 3 decades the traffic on this road has increased considerably beyond belief. The building of new properties and therefor an access road will only cause more traffic and with a new junction to negotiate the dangers can only be increased.

Most of the residents opposite the proposed site already have great difficulty in pulling in or out of their homes in a vehicle, and additional traffic from residents, staff, visitors, and delivery services and others will make the situation considerably more dangerous.

When walking to and from either Barnham or Yapton village centres it is impossible to walk in anything other than single file in many places, as the footpath is so narrow, this in turn causes great safety problems for mothers with pushchairs and prams etc. Again additional residential buildings will mean increased vehicles and use of this dangerous footpath.

2) Green Belt – We have lived in this bungalow for 35 years and when we purchased it were informed that the surrounding countryside (both front and rear) was green belt, which it still is today, hence the sheep and lambs on this ground. My understanding was that brown belt sites were to be used for development wherever possible.

This complex will not be in keeping with the local area due to night time lighting and a 2 storey main complex in an over developed small space, resulting in loss of privacy by the residents due to being overlooked by the main building.

3) Excessive Development – Sufficient land has surely already been made available with the large amount of new housing earmarked in the Yapton Road area and in particular at Angel and Hyde Nursery (over 100 homes from Redrow and Matthew Homes) and Seaward Properties opposite Drove Lane to the rear of Bonhams House. In addition to this there is excessive new development in Yapton all accessing the B2233.

4) Loss of our villages – If this development is permitted to go ahead outside of the built-up area then surely the building of new properties in all the spaces between the villages will certainly spoil the delightful natural countryside that we have around us and will cause the area to become one sprawling mass of houses from Littlehampton to Chichester.

5) Local Services & Amenities

How will local services and amenities possibly cope with the large increase of residents that this proposal and others about to commence will bring?

Surely our Doctors Surgery and Pharmacy, Dentists and Health workers etc are under considerable pressure and struggling to cope with the existing community already.

6) Surface Water & Drainage

Where is all the sewage and surface water drainage going to go?

As the proposed site will be largely covered by concrete and block paving etc I presume that new drains will connect to our existing old drains and surface water will head south towards the flood plain at Flansham passing under or over our ground to get there!

Finally, Planning permission was refused on this same green field in 1987 for 10 properties and again in 2015 for 30 houses for similar objections as in this letter. If this much larger development is permitted to go ahead then the problems associated with it are all hugely increased.

Yours Faithfully,



Stephen Lloyd

Christine Lloyd