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BN/142/20/OUT Objection to proposed development to the Land South of Barnham Station

Dear Mr Cole,

I am writing to you as a resident of Marshall close, to not only object strongly to the development but also to the proposed access through Marshall Close. Marshall Close is a "Close" for a reason. It is a narrow residential street without through access.

We regularly have commuters, walkers, people using the shops and people who go to the Murrell Arms pub parking down our road. Sometimes leaving their cars there for several days/weeks whilst they go on holiday. You want to put unsightly laybys down the road, but this is not going to solve the issues we have with parking. How are residents going to be guaranteed that when they get home from work they will have a place to park? Even with laybys, the width of the road is still not substantial enough for two cars to pass safely, and you are proposing an extra 200+ cars a day going up and down our road. That would make the road dangerous and unsafe. At the moment I feel it's safe for my 2 children to play outside with their friends and go down to the park at the end of the Close. By adding all those extra cars, the safety of the road would be gone. You will be adding an increase to noise pollution and air quality right on our doorstep, impacting on the health of not only myself, but my family and local residents.

The junction of Church lane and Marshall Close is already problematic part of the road layout. You are only able to have one car pass at a time because it is so narrow. Church lane is a very busy road, with constant vehicles going up and down. Not at all like it states in the report that it is quiet and safe to walk down. There is no footpath! Many tractors, horse boxes, delivery vans and lorries use this road and they do not all adhere to the 30mph limit. It is not uncommon to be nearly clipped by a wing mirror. We often have lorries turning around in the entrance to Marshall Close, having got to the bridge and realising they cannot fit under.

The transport assessment document you have for the volume of traffic on the B2233 is totally incorrect. Even though it says it has taken into account the Covid19 restrictions and the fact people are able to move freely, it hasn't considered

the fact that people are still advised to work from home. So the volume of traffic is not accurate, and peak time is certainly not 4pm. Around 8.30am and 3pm are usually the busiest times. The transport assessment also doesn't take into consideration the traffic that will be generated by the 500+ new houses being built in Yapton, and the 100+ houses being built on the Angels Nursery site on the B2233. Both of which will use the B2233 to gain access to the A27. All this puts extra strain on the existing roads, which already can't cope.

The area has a host of different wildlife, from foxes, badgers and bats to name a few. They all venture up the road and are seen in our gardens. You would be destroying their habitat, they would be lost. The scenery would be ruined and for many residents their view of open green space would be gone. This is also a conservation area which should be protected, not built upon.

The drainage system for Marshall Close is unable to cope with current volumes of rainfall and floods regularly with gulley's overflowing. This development will make the situation worse as the run off from the development will add significant volumes of water to the Rife.

We feel that they have pushed this through at a time when no one is able to go to a public meeting, and voice their concerns. Planning notices were not put up until 2 weeks after the validated date, and even then only one was put up at the bottom of Marshall Close. The one outside Tars Farm was ripped down after a day. They need to be placed at the top of Marshall Close and even up by the Murrell Arms pub to make people aware of what is proposed.

We moved to Marshall Close to raise our young family in a safe and friendly neighbourhood, and this proposed development will forever change that for the worse.

Yours Sincerely,

Dan & Jenny Howlett