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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/142/20/OUT  
Site Address: Land south of Barnham Station Barnham  
Description of works: Outline planning application with all matters reserved, other than principal means of access, for up to 200 No. dwellings, with access taken from Marshall Close, associated infrastructure & landscaping & demolition of existing buildings. This application is a Departure from the Development Plan, may affect the setting of listed buildings, may affect the Church Lane, Barnham Conservation Area & affects a Public Right of Way.

Thank you for your internet representation made on 13th December 2020 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

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As residents of Marshall Close for nearly 27 years, we as a family strongly object to this proposed planning of Marshall Close becoming an access road to the development of 200+ houses on Grade A agricultural land, South of Barnham.

The fact this is even being considered as an access road is utterly moronic due to the dangers this would, and already does, present.

Being parents of a daughter who was knocked down by a car on the B2233 Yapton Road, it is unthinkable to even comprehend more vehicles occupying that stretch of road. Turning onto Church Lane from the B2233 is already hazardous not only due to poor visibility but inappropriately parked vehicles on the left of the road. Cars wanting to turn out of Church Lane have to move further to the other side of the road to accommodate the parked vehicles. This causes issues when a car wants to turn into Church Lane, there is not enough space for a safe exit or entry.

Stating Church Lane (which is a country lane) is big enough for two vehicles to pass safely is incorrect, the entrance of Marshall Close is used daily as a pull in for cars, delivery vans and agricultural vehicles. This is made even harder when commuter cars are parked on the lane making it impossible for two cars to pass at once. Due to there being no footpath, dog walkers and young families with prams etc have to walk on the road

as the road is not wide enough to accommodate a footpath or cycle lane.

We have a cycle path at the bottom of Church Lane, connecting cyclists from Felpham and the surrounding area to Barnham station making it a heavily used commute. This adds another danger to the entrance of Marshall Close and the junction.

Due to the current pandemic, the survey that was carried out was an unfair representation when the vast majority of people are still working from home, a clever attempt by developers. This is not a true statistic in the slightest. Not to mention the well known fact that Marshall Close is used as a free car park up to 6 days a week by railway users, this will return when people can safely return to work. This means residents of Marshall Close will once again have parking issues.

Building houses on Grade A Agricultural land will have a severe lasting impact on the biodiversity of our wildlife and flora. Marshall Close and the land behind is a haven for uncommon species such as Dormice, Water Vole and Lizards to mention a few. Having this wildlife on our doorstep adds to the serotonin levels and overall mental wellbeing of many residents of Marshall Close, we still have views and green areas in an already overcrowded and gridlocked village. An additional 200+ houses is not needed or necessary for Barnham, we are up to our quota and we are fast losing our village history and community.

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

Please be aware that Planning Services operate an 'open file' policy and will publish your comments including your name and address on the website. Please make sure that you have only provided information that you are happy will be published in this way. If you have supplied information belonging to a third party, you must make sure you have their permission to do so. If you do not wish your comments to appear on the website or on the file you will need to confirm this by emailing to [planning@arun.gov.uk](mailto:planning@arun.gov.uk) and I will arrange for it to be destroyed although this means that the content will then be disregarded.

The majority of applications are determined under delegated powers by officers. Further information on the decision making process can be found on the website at <https://www.arun.gov.uk/planning-decision-process>.

Some applications will be determined by the Development Control Committee, and I shall write and inform you of the date of the meeting and the procedures for public speaking if this is the case. However, if your representation has been received after the agenda for the meeting has been finalised and the notifications have been generated, you will not receive notification. In this case, you will need to track the progress of the application on the council's website <https://www.arun.gov.uk/weekly-lists>

Any comments that are received after the agenda has been finalised will be separately reported to the members of the Development Control Committee.

Regardless of how the application is determined I will notify you of the decision.

Yours sincerely



**Neil Crowther**  
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