

Sent: 16 December 2020 11:24
To: Raymond Cole
Subject: Land south of barnham station BN/142/20/OUT

I am sending you this objection on behalf of my neighbour, who is having trouble emailing you. Her email address is [REDACTED] Thank you

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Barnham,
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16th December 2020

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Dear Mr Cole,

I strongly object to the above proposal. In my mind, to use Marshall Close as an access road for a new development of up to 200 properties is a downright dangerous idea. Marshall Close is a small quiet residential area and to subject the residents to up to 1000, yes 1000 vehicle movements per day, with all the pollution from both fumes and noise, is just not on.

Marshall Close exits into Church Lane which is even narrower and the junction does have a bend to the right obscuring vision. At this point the road becomes a single track for all except a couple of very small cars, and then only with great care. There is no existing footpath and the road probably cannot be widened. The top of the Close is frequently used by HGV's to turn by backing into the close then turning. This does cause a certain amount of disruption and blocks the road even more. Church Lane exits into Yapton Road which is again a narrow road with a narrow very low railway bridge to the left. Quite a few lorries/trucks cannot make it under the bridge and either hit it or have to back up and reverse into Church Lane so causing another hazard. The delay, sometimes, is quite a lengthy process. To the right along Yapton Road are several more development sites with all the traffic this will bring let alone all the extra vehicles from the Yapton developments. Most of this traffic will be going to Bognor or Chichester and so will have to negotiate the bridge and cause us even more delays. Some will even be aiming for the A27.

Church Lane does have four/five equestrian businesses which do have horse boxes that pass by. There is quite a lot of heavy traffic commuting along here and as for being a safe place to walk, well you try it and as for a 30MPH limit. Well. We do have horse riders, walkers, dog walkers, cyclists and children trying to access the Murrells Field play area. Go with care. Combined Harvesters travel along here as well as other agriculture vehicles. This Lane is a Lane and narrows appreciatively where it crosses the top of Marshall Close making it dangerous for all users both walking and driving. The junction itself is extremely tight.

To remove our grass verges and put in lay-bys in Marshall Close is not really going to help with the parking. Who are they going to be for? Us or all and sundry? We are known locally as the station car park. In normal times the commuters start arriving about 06.30 to try and find a slot and some do not return until late in the evening. People come and park to use the cycle track, to go for a walk, walk their dogs, to use the pub or shops, to deliver goods or carry out services let alone those just wanting to visit their families. Some residents do have large extended families. We have several people who need care and assistance several times daily, they need to park. Some Church Lane residents use Marshall Close as their overflow car park. The grass verges are sometimes used for additional parking

already. A surveyor visiting for a couple of hours on a couple of days in the middle of lockdown, pandemic, working from home won't see most of this. I think, as a resident for over 50 years I might just be a little bit more in touch than them.

The Close is a reasonably safe area for our children and their parents to play or visit the play park, or visit their friends. It is reasonably safe for our wildlife badgers, foxes, hedgehogs, squirrels and bats. What will become of them with all this extra traffic? They will all be under threat. Are not some of them protected? What about our green environment, our trees and bushes. They mop up pollution and give us clean air.

The district local plan for this area did not include this site as one of theirs and neither does the emerging neighbouring plan. More places then asked for were provided. If this development has to go ahead why cannot this site be accessed via the new A29. This makes much more sense. At present we look out onto a green space/hill. If this development is carried out it will only be an eyesore to us residents. The hill is green belt agriculture land. If you cover this area in concrete it will only cause more flooding. Earth absorbs water, concrete lets it run off. The rice at the bottom of the hill does flood, ask the residents in the bungalows about their toilets. And trees absorb a vast amount of water.

In conclusion, PLEASE, PLEASE stop this ill conceived and quite frankly DOWNRIGHT DANGEROUS scheme which is going to absolutely and horrendously impact on our lives causing distress both mentally and physically let alone our nerves and wellbeing. Just help us stay alive, sane and safe. PLEASE. Thank you.

S. Clarke

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