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Mr and Mrs Palmer,
The Street Cottage,
Church Lane,
Barnham,
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PO22 0DA
14 December 2020

Reference: **BN/142/20/OUT Land South of Barnham Railway Station**

Dear Sir,

We are writing to object to the planned development of 200+ houses on the agricultural land south of Barnham Railway Station.

We object to this development as it is outside of the Neighbourhood Plan recently agreed with the community. The properties proposed are in addition to the 2000+ houses being proposed in the Barnham area and so believe that the development of more green fields in the area is not needed. As a community we are already bearing our fair share of the development required by Central Government, resulting in the loss of the countryside and the environmental impact that this brings.

We believe that these additional houses will not benefit the local community as they will not necessarily be affordable and will be bought by commuters accessing the railway station or investors. They will also set a precedent for the development of land around the conservation area of Church Lane, Barnham, affecting the setting of various Listed Buildings and buildings of particular historic interest.

Another major concern of ours is access to this proposed site. Currently there is no access and so the intention is to connect it to Church Lane through the quiet Cul-de-Sac of Marshall Close. This will cause untold disruption to the residents of Marshall Close. The only way out of Marshall Close is via Church Lane, which is not wide enough for 2 vehicles to pass each other. Church Lane also feeds the Cycle Path from Barnham to Felpham and regularly has cyclists on it. There is no pavement at the top of Church Lane, either. Any access from Marshall Close would require the widening of Church Lane to accommodate pedestrians, cyclists and two-way traffic. This would impact the Grade II listed property on the corner of Church Lane and a mature tree in front the Murrell Arms. Turning out of Church Lane in either direction is difficult as Yapton Road narrows at this point. Another 200 cars trying to leave Church Lane will congest this quiet semi-rural lane even further, especially when the Angels development is complete.

Yours faithfully,

Patricia and Roger Palmer