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Barnham, Bognor Regis,
West Sussex.

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Development Control,
Arun District Council,
Arun Civic Centre,
Maltravers Road,
Littlehampton,
West Sussex
BN17 5LF

Dear Sir,

Re: Planning Application BN/142/20/OUT – For approx. 200 homes to the south of Barnham station and west of Church Lane Barnham.

It is with great concern that we have today learned of the Planning Application for the proposed building of 200 homes at the above location. We formally wish to oppose this application in the strongest possible terms for the following reasons.

Road Safety - Access to the proposed development is to be via Marshall Close, Church Lane and the B2233 Yapton Road. The junction with Yapton Road and Church Lane is difficult due to the hill from the railway bridge plus a corner with a Butchers shop on one side and the Murrell Arms Public House on the other. Church Lane is very narrow with no foot path.

Over the last 3 decades the traffic on the B2233 has increased beyond belief. This is a narrow road and footpath and although in a 30 mph speed limit, few vehicles take any notice! The building development in the local area already approved will only increase the traffic considerably and therefore increase the risk of accidents. The proposed access route is not suitable for a development in this location.

Green Belt – We have lived in Barnham for 35 years and when we purchased our home we were informed that the surrounding countryside was “green belt” which it still is today hence the horses, cattle, sheep and lambs in the local fields.

My understanding was that “brown belt” sites were to be used for development wherever possible.

Excessive Development – Sufficient land has surely already been made available for the large amount of new housing in Barnham, Fontwell, Walberton and Yapton and in particular the new Redrow and Matthew developments on the site of the old “Angels” and “Hyde” nurseries in Yapton Road. All of these new developments will be accessing and using the B2233 through the centre of our village.

Loss of our Villages – If this development is permitted to go ahead in addition to those already given planning consent, we will end up losing our delightful natural countryside around us and have one sprawling mass of houses from Littlehampton to Chichester and beyond. The 5 villages will no longer be “villages”.

Local Services & amenities – How will the local services and amenities possibly cope with the large increase of residents that this proposal and others already underway will bring? Surely the Doctors surgeries, pharmacies, Dentists, health workers and schools etc; are under considerable pressure and struggling to cope with the existing community.

Surface water and drainage- Where is all the sewage and surface water drainage going to go? As the proposed site will be largely covered by houses, concrete and block paving etc I presume that new drains will connect to our existing old systems and surface water will head south towards the “Rife” and the flood plain at Flansham!

Finally – Have we not already seen enough new building development in the local area?

If we want to save our villages, then for the reasons above we should say “NO” to this proposal.

Yours Faithfully,

Stephen Lloyd

Christine Lloyd