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Dear Planning team
Raymond Cole has an out of office on until 4th January.
The deadline for objections on Application BN/142/20/OUT is 02.01.2021.
Please can this be actioned to enable our comments to be included please.
With thanks
Mr & Mrs Reed
Fircroft, Church Lane, Barnham.

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Sent: Tuesday, 29 December 2020, 19:49:14 GMT
Subject: Application BN/142/20/OUT

Mr & Mrs R. Reed
Fircroft
Church Lane
Barnham
PO22 0DB

Mr Raymond Cole
Arun District Council

Reference BN/142/20/OUT

Dear Sir

We are writing to object to Glesson Strategic Land proposal for land south of Barnham Station. We moved to Fircroft, Church Lane, just prior to the first COVID-19 lockdown in March 2020 with the knowledge that 4 houses would potentially be given planning permission approval to the left of our house on Tars farm land. This has just been approved however we are now faced with the prospect of 200 houses behind us, in addition to the new houses to the left of us.

We object to this larger scale development for the following rationales;

1) Overlooking/loss of privacy - the proposed access road would run directly behind Fircroft and practically in our back garden. The proposed road looks to have a footpath on both sides of the road and areas of scrub land backing onto our back garden. We have significant concerns that our family will be overlooked when in our garden and we foresee a violation of our privacy.

2) Highway safety/Traffic Generation - the access to the proposed development is far from ideal. If only an accurate survey/assessment on the entrance to Church Lane and Marshall Close had been undertaken on a typical, non pandemic day, then the outcomes would be very different. It would highlight the unsuitable change of use from a contained safe Close to a through road used constantly day and night. The playground and freedom for the children within the current close will be jeopardised and occupants of Marshall Close would no longer enjoy the neighbourly feel that currently exists within this small Close.

3) Noise & Disturbance - the proposed road would be through the paddock at the end of our garden. The noise generated from the use of the road both day and night will have a negative impact on our family life. We moved to Fircroft to seek a quiet and seclusive environment with little noise and disturbance from others. We currently have this however one can only assume that the 200 houses would put payed to this quiet undisturbed lifestyle we enjoy day and night. This noise and disturbance goes on forever not just through the construction phase.

4) Conservation area - Church Lane is within a conservation area and the wheels are in motion to obtain a conservation status for the remainder of Church Lane. This is to ensure the area retains the character that it is known for and enjoyed by many. The character incorporates listed buildings upon Church Lane and homes built many years ago including our home Fircroft, built prior to 1840's as one of the first houses on the Lane. It would be catastrophic to change the existing feel and outlook of this well used green space in Barnham. In addition this proposal is a departure from the agreed development plan that has recently been agreed and signed off. Surely this agreed plan should not be deviated from and should be honored.

5) Fear of crime - proposed scrub land backing onto Fircrofts back garden fence/wall is making us extremely anxious. We know the current crime level around Marshall Close has increased of late and we fear this area of unused land will seek an area for congregation, crime, drugs and unsocial activities. This might sound dramatic but it's not something anyone wants to encourage on their doorstep.

6) Nature conservation - the bats, herons, woodpeckers, badgers amongst many others have successfully visited/nested here for many years. 200 houses will inhibit this ecology balance/habitat and will drive species away from this area of natural beauty.

7) Local infrastructure, with all the other current housing developments in Barnham, are not increasing.....no additional GP services, no additional classrooms, no additions to district nurses capacity, no further social additions for our existing communities. Another 200 families will add to the ever untold strain to all these local services that we

all use and need. This isn't acceptable and will increase pressure further afield as no doctor appointments will lead to an increase in A&E attendees and the NHS acute Trusts are already under immense strain and currently near breaking point.

We know we all live in houses built on what was a piece of open land, however Barnham has had a surplus number of housing developments of late and the villagers are seeking support to object to this current proposal for all the right reasons with the hope to retain our village community.

With best wishes

Mr & Mrs Reed

Current Happy Home owners of Fircroft!