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To: Raymond Cole
Subject: Application: BN/142/20/OUT

We are writing to strongly object to planning application BN/142/20/OUT for land south of Barnham Station.

This application is unsuitable, unnecessary and unwanted.

The following is a summary of our reasons for this:

- The land concerned in the application is green belt land and should not be used for housing or any other development. Since we moved to Barnham nearly 4 years ago, we have, in the local area, seen a large of amount of development completed, in progress or awaiting development. This new attempt for more development, will further the loss of the countryside and the 'village' feel in this area. Additionally, and by no means less important, the natural environment will be decimated in the area.
- The land in question is outside of the Local Development plan and this decision was made for a reason. We need to maintain the character of the area and this would only serve to eventually connect other, already developed areas, so that we would end up with a sprawling 'town' of concrete and bricks, served by hugely inadequate infrastructure, such as schools, GP services etc. These are already at breaking point.
- The existing approved sites for housing development are already sufficient to serve the housing needs of the area; this site is therefore beyond these requirements.
- The amount of traffic currently in this area is already at a very high level. The future increase in vehicle movements from already planned and approved housing alone will increase this further. The additional traffic created by this development would only make matters worse and almost certainly result in an increased level of accidents in the narrow lanes and roads in the area.
- The proposal for access to the site via Marshall Close is quite ludicrous. It is a narrow cul-de-sac and clearly unsuitable for the level of potential traffic increase. The residents of Marshall Close are, quite rightly, hugely concerned about the safety of their children, and indeed all residents of the Close, with the amount of additional traffic created by this development, be it commercial or otherwise.
- The junction with Church Lane and Yapton Road is quite unsuitable for the likely increase in traffic, by this, and other nearby developments.
- Church Lane is part of a Conservation area and the development will change the whole character of the lane. This is an irreversible decision and the village will be spoiled forever more. We cannot allow the development to blight one of the last remaining areas of countryside within the village. Indeed, as I write I can see some walkers crossing the land in question on the public footpath, with the view of the South Downs in the background. That simple but important enjoyment and pleasure, would be lost to many people.
- The proposed development is also partially on a flood plain and by plastering the fields with concrete this is going to create even worse conditions locally. It doesn't take much rain for the area to be under water, and pushing the water somewhere else will only make it worse for those resident in vulnerable locations.

Any right-minded individual, be they ordinary residents or those that decide these matters, must see that this proposal is just a money-making exercise with no thought to the current residents of the area or the precious environment.

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