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Dear Sir/Madam,

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015

Application No: BN/16/22/PL
Site Address: Land to the rear of Clare Court 67 Barnham Road Eastergate PO22 0EP
Description of works: Erection of 4 No dwellings with associated car parking. This application is in CIL Zone 2 and is CIL Liable as new dwellings.

Thank you for your internet representation made on 23rd March 2022 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

OWPC45482

SAFEGUARDING AND THE PROPOSED CLARE COURT DEVELOPMENT

There is a major safeguarding issue with this proposed development.

The rear elevations of the proposed four new houses are only 12.8 metres from the border with the School. Just the other side of the border is an area where children gather throughout the day for recreation and sports. The upstairs windows of the four new houses will have clear views of the children from close quarters. There is not enough screening to stop this happening.

Arun District Council have completely overlooked this important safeguarding issue in their Pre-Application Advice (appended to the Planning Statement) to the developer. To quote from page 4, third full paragraph:

"To the rear of the site is St Philip Howard Church School and "as such" the dwellings are not considered to result in harm upon this elevation."

Arun are thus dismissive of any possible impact upon the School. The words "as such" imply that because it's just a school, it doesn't matter as far as the planning application is concerned.

But it DOES matter. Our son went to St Philip Howard School in the 1990s. If we had children there now, we would be extremely concerned that the Planning Authority could contemplate allowing such inappropriate placing of new houses.

The safeguarding page on the Arun website seeks to show that the Council takes safeguarding seriously. We hope Arun will demonstrate this by not allowing this development, so close to a school playground, to go ahead.

We believe these are sufficient grounds for the application to be refused, and accordingly we ask the Planning Authority to refuse it.

Your views as made above will be considered before the application is determined.

Please be aware that Planning Services operate an 'open file' policy and will publish your comments including your name and address on the website. Please make sure that you have only provided information that you are happy will be published in this way. If you have supplied information belonging to a third party, you must make sure you have their permission to do so. If you do not wish your comments to appear on the website or on the file you will need to confirm this by emailing to planning@arun.gov.uk and I will arrange for it to be destroyed although this means that the content will then be disregarded.

The majority of applications are determined under delegated powers by officers. Further information on the decision making process can be found on the website at :<https://www.arun.gov.uk/what-happens-next>.

Some applications will be determined by the Planning Committee, and I shall write and inform you of the date of the meeting and the procedures for public speaking if this is the case. However, if your representation has been received after the agenda for the meeting has been finalised and the notifications have been generated, you will not receive notification. In this case, you will need to track the progress of the application on the council's website <https://www.arun.gov.uk/planning-application-search>

Any comments that are received after the agenda has been finalised will be separately reported to the members of the Planning Committee.

Regardless of how the application is determined I will notify you of the decision.

Yours sincerely



Neil Crowther
Group Head of Planning

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