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Your Ref: OWPC26151
Our Ref: BN/18/20/PL 19-02-2020
Please ask for:
Maria Tomalova

23rd March 2020

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Variation of condition 15 imposed under EG/29/13/ relating to condition 15 - to change the foul drainage scheme from Sewage Treatment Plant to Pumping Station with associated drainage works.

Former Brooks Nursery Eastergate

Thank you for your internet representation made on 22nd March 2020 which has been recorded as '**an objection**' with the comments as follows:

Dear Sir

I object to planning application BN/18/20/PL. The proposal to put foul sewage from Upton Brooks into Elm Grove South is not adequate or safe. When David Wilson Homes developed Upton Brooks they were not allowed to connect to the main sewer in Barnham Road. I believe that both Southern Water and the Environment Agency banned the sewage connection to Barnham Road, and the resulting private treatment plant for Upton Brooks has since proved inadequate. The plan to send the foul sewage via Elm Grove South would mean that the sewage would still go into the sewer under Barnham Road. This in turn would result in flooding. Foul sewage, regularly, has to be pumped up in some places in Barnham, this is then dumped into the local river. There are places in Barnham where sewage is diverted into the surface water system and flows along the pavement gutters. By adding the sewage from Upton Brooks to the main sewer under Barnham Road, via Elm Grove South, this situation would be aggravated and flooding more frequent. There would be more bad smells and a danger to health.

On the matter of the using a non return pumped 8 inch pipe joined onto a 56 year old gravity 6 inch clay pipe, this would cause problems. There could be blockages or the pipe could break, this would result in back up pressure and the resulting flow of raw sewage back into homes. It would continue as long as the sewage from Upton Brooks was being pumped. Some homes in Elm Grove South have already experienced such build up and have had foul sewage flowing into their homes.

St Philip Howard School has approximately 1600 people adding to the sewage system. Their car park is below the level of the road, any blockage would result in the school grounds being covered in sewage, and the closure of the school.

If the clay pipe was broken, then sewage would be released into the environment damaging plants and animals.

The plan contravenes Arun District Council's Local Adopted Plan Policy QE SP.1 Quality of the environment by using small pipes. Also, the Parish Councils Neighbourhood Plan, section 5. Environment and Sustainability E32 Drainage. The plan did not include a map of Elm Grove South and this is where the problems will occur.

The plan can also cause noise and disturbance, this will be created by the pumping process and vibrations carried along the pipes affecting many homes.

Finally, I believe that Eastergate Parish council objected to the original plan, EG/29/13. Their objections should have been acted upon at the time. Also, that Davis Wilson Homes have not complied with condition 15 of the original build of 42 houses. Overall, the proposal is not adequate or safe for the residents of Elm Grove South and others in Barnham who experience flooding from problematic sewage system.

Yours
Liesma Mezulis
Resident of Elm Grove South

Unfortunately it is not possible for the council to respond to each representation individually but your views will be considered before the application is determined and I shall write to inform you of any decision made.

If the application is to be determined at the Development Control Committee and your letter has been received after the agenda has been published, you will not receive a separate letter notifying you of the date of the meeting and the procedures for public speaking. In such circumstances, it is recommended that you track the progress of the application on the website or telephone for further information. Please be advised that any comments received after the the Development Control Agenda has been produced will be reported to the meeting. Please also note that only a small number of all planning applications are determined at the Development Control Committee, most are determined by officers under delegated power.

All representations are published on our website so please make sure your views are clear and only include information that you are happy for the public to view. Do not include personal information or information from third parties unless you have their permission to do so. If a complaint is received that permission has not been given for comments included about a third party, the Council reserves the right to redact/remove all relevant information. Do not include information that is defamatory or breaches equality or other legislation. If you do not wish your comments to appear on the website and on the file, please confirm this in writing and I will arrange for it to be destroyed, although this does mean that its contents will be disregarded. For details of what we do with your personal information please refer to our privacy statement comments on planning applications which is available on our website www.arun.gov.uk/planning-privacy-statements.

In the event of a subsequent written representations appeal, against a refusal of planning permission on a householder application, any representations made on the application will be automatically forwarded to the Secretary of State. Unlike all other types of appeal, there will be no further opportunity to comment at the appeal stage.

Yours faithfully

Neil Crowther
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