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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/18/20/PL
Site Address: Former Brooks Nursery Eastergate
Description of works: 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.

Thank you for your internet representation made on 24th May 2020 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

OWPC27193

I strongly object to this application for the following reasons:

1. The application is made due to a failure of the applicant to comply with a condition of the original planning consent, namely, to provide an on-site sewage treatment plant. This condition was made, primarily, because of the known limitations on the existing mains drainage system. The fact that the installed plant has failed to perform as designed, and as required under the original planning condition, in no way justifies any relaxation of the condition. To do so would constitute a blatant infringement of accepted planning law and would undermine any confidence the public may have in the planning process.
2. The proposed connection of a 200mm dia pumped rising main to an historic 150mm gravity main is technically questionable and not in keeping with accepted good drainage design practice. Irrespective of any submitted drainage calculations purporting to demonstrate the adequacy of such an arrangement, basic engineering principles suggest that the arrangement would not provide an acceptable solution and, to any drainage engineer, is intuitively flawed.
3. It is widely known that the existing gravity system in Elm Grove South is already working at a level considerably higher than its designed capacity, largely due to the additional significant load imposed by the Philip Howard School. Any submitted calculations by the applicant which attempt to demonstrate that this is not the case should be rigorously questioned.
4. It is unacceptable to impose construction disruption, risk of sewer mains failure and potential sewage overflows on the residents of Elm Grove South. These residents will receive no benefit from the proposal whatsoever and should not be expected to suffer these inconveniences merely because an existing planning condition has not been met.

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 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/planning-decision-process>.

Some applications will be determined by the Development Control 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/weekly-lists>

Any comments that are received after the agenda has been finalised will be separately reported to the members of the Development Control 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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