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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 13th June 2020 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

OWPC27712

After submitting an objection to this proposal on 19 February 2020, I have seen Southern Water's response to your consultation and, as a result, am making this additional objection.

The applicant's (BDW) proposal is based on the premise that Southern Water (SW) has the ability and willingness to increase the capacity of the existing main sewerage in the area to cope with the additional effluent from the development on the former Brooks Nursery site. BDW quote a letter from SW dated 2 March 2020 which states that the WWTP has capacity to deal with the effluent from the Brooks Nursery development. (Ref Planning Correspondence 11 March 2020 from BDW).

You have consulted SW about the proposal (BN/18/20/PL) and received a reply dated 9 April 2020 from Jeff Edervane (SW Ref PLAN -032142) which reveals that SW are unaware that the development is complete and fully occupied. Their letter mentions planning and undertaking works which might take 24 months during which time some dwellings might be occupied! I am amazed at this. As BDW's current application depends on the co-operation of SW, and SW appears not to know what has gone on, there is serious doubt about the basis of BDW's application.

BDW maintain that they have discussed their proposal with SW and your drainage engineer, Mr Cann, and report that neither objects to the proposal. SW's credibility is seriously damaged now and Mr Cann has only commented on the effect of this application on SUDS and land drainage, not foul water drainage. It is therefore misleading to state that he supports the proposed arrangements for foul water drainage. The application has no sound foundation.

The problem for the whole neighbourhood is that the sewer in Barnham Road does not have the capacity to accommodate the extra load from the Brooks Nursery development. The fact that the WWTP at Lidsey does have capacity is irrelevant if the foul water cannot reach it.

During the very wet spell in the early months of this year, many of the gullies in Barnham Road backed up with a mixture of surface and foul water. Walking on the footpath, as traffic ploughed through the vile liquid, was an unpleasant and unhealthy experience which the residents of Elm Grove South and Barnham Road should not have to suffer.

Until such time that the ability of the existing sewers to cope with the additional load from the Brooks Nursery development during periods of persistent rain has been demonstrated, the foul water from the development should be treated on site as was intended when planning permission was granted for application EG/29/13. The current application should be refused as, with the sewers as they are, it would introduce a very unpleasant health hazard to residents and pedestrians in Barnham Road and Elm Grove South.

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.

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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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It is therefore important that you keep us informed if this changes during the course of this application.