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Your Ref: OWPC6880
Our Ref: BN/29/15/PL 22-07-2015
Please ask for:
Richard Temple

7th September 2015

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Solar park including the erection of solar arrays, inverters, transformers, equipment housing, security fencing, internal tracks, ancillary equipment & ecological mitigation. This application is a Departure from the Development Plan.

Land at Barnham Court Barnham

Thank you for your internet representation made on 4th September 2015 which has been recorded as '**an objection**' with the comments as follows:

*For the attention of: Mr Richard Temple
Re: Planning Application BN/29/15PL- OBJECT*

Dear Sir

We are residents of Church Lane in Barnham and wish to strongly object to the proposed site for a solar park at Barnham Court Farm under planning application BN/29/15/PL. In our opinion any benefits that the proposal has will be overshadowed by the poor choice of site and inadequate access route to the proposed location.

We find it surprising that there has been significant numbers of new houses approved and under construction in Barnham but to our knowledge none of these have solar roof panels incorporated in their design.

The proposed construction will cause significant inconvenience and potential danger to road users and pedestrians and there is strong probability of traffic backing up under Barnham Railway Bridge due to the size and number of vehicles involved.

The section of Church Lane that we live in lies within the designated conservation area and is very close to the proposed site. This would appear to be in direct conflict with permitting each day (during construction) numerous 15 metre Articulated Lorries and potentially 40+ other additional vehicles to use the unmarked single track road which is Church Lane.

The proposed 'traffic management' scheme created by Curtins Consulting in their report TPBR0111 exaggerates the width and sight lines within the lane and this will inevitably lead to conflict between construction traffic and other residents of Church Lane. I specifically draw your attention to their paragraph 3.24 that states that Church Lane varies in width between 4.8 and 3.7 metres (presumably without any parked cars being present). For the section between Hill Lane and St Marys Church it is actually starting at 3.2 Metres and narrowing for the majority of its length to 2.7 Metres. This section will become a major bottleneck as it is impossible for two cars to pass each other i.e. There is only sufficient space for one car to travel in either direction. An articulated lorry of 15 metres would completely block this section for both directions with insufficient space to reverse if required.

We also note that in their drawing number TPBR 0111 H 002 the shared private drive between Sylvan House and Fieldfares is being proposed as a 'designated' passing place. No permission has been sought for this use and is unlikely to be given. Should Arun DC approve this plan then we would request that a pre and post inspection be undertaken of this private driveway and an order for reparation be required as a condition to the applicant of this planning application.

I hope that this request will prove unnecessary and you will recognise the significant local feeling against the proposal and will refuse this planning application.

Yours faithfully

*Richard & Janet Porter
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Your views will be considered before the application is determined and I shall write to inform you of any decision made.

Please be aware that if the application is to be determined by the Council's Development Control committee and your letter has been received at a late stage after the Agenda has been published you will not receive a separate letter notifying you of the date of the meeting and procedures for public speaking. In such circumstances it is recommended that you track the progress of the application on the Council's website or telephone the Council for further information. Please be advised that any comments you make that are not included within the Committee Agenda will be reported to the Members of the Development Control committee. Please also be aware that only a small number of all planning applications received go the Development Control Committee. Most are determined under delegated powers by Officers in which case your comments will again be considered before the application is determined.

Please be aware that Planning Services operate an 'open file' policy and will publish details of your comments on the internet on the Arun District Council Planning section. Please ensure that you only provide information that you are happy will be made available in this way. If you supply information belonging to a third party, please ensure you have their permission to do so. If you do not wish your comments to appear on the 'open file' please confirm this in writing and I will arrange for it to be destroyed although this means that its contents will then be disregarded.

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

Karl Roberts
Director Planning & Economic Regeneration