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

10th 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 10th September 2015 which has been recorded as '**an objection**' with the comments as follows:

I object to the planning application for solar panels at Barnham Court Farm, on the basis that the only available access road to the site, Church Lane, is totally unsuitable for the volume and size of traffic that will be engendered during the construction period.

The entrance into Church Lane, from Barnham Road, is heavily parked by commuters and residents. It is a tight entrance and the lane bends immediately after the Murrell Arms, making it impossible to see vehicles coming out of Church Lane until one has pulled into it. Essentially 3 roads meet at a very narrow point right by the Murrell Arms. The sight line into the lane is short and it is impossible to know if another vehicle is approaching until it is almost upon one. I am most concerned that large lorries or HGV's entering the lane where it is heavily parked and so narrow will cause obstruction and be dangerous.

In a letter to local residents from BNRG Renewables, the developers state that their lorries can use what they refer to as a "lay by" in Church Lane to wait, or to pass each other. This is misleading- there are no lay-bys in Church lane. There is a stretch of lane near The Old Vicarage where the verge has been worn away by passing vehicles - it is "off the black" and is already in a poor state, being very uneven and full of potholes. The tarmac will become even more degraded with numerous heavy vehicles using it continually over several months. It is the narrowest stretch of the lane. I really do not see how 2 large lorries will be able to pass each other there.

BNRG's letter to residents of 31st July states they will appoint a traffic manager (should their planning application succeed) to ensure that 2 of their own large vehicles do not drive in opposite directions in Church Lane at the same time. They describe plans to implement a shuttle working system from the "lay by" near The Old Vicarage (despite it being a bit of rough verge, and not a lay by). They themselves admit the lane is too narrow for 2 large vehicles to pass and they realise that it would become blocked.

Given this admission by BNRG, it is surprising that they persist in this application. They have given no thought to large vehicles that may be in the lane driving in the opposite direction and which would not be subject to their shuttle system and over which they will have no control. Local residents keep horses in the fields either side of Church lane, there is also a large equestrian centre at the end of Highground Lane, where I live. There are frequent movements of horse boxes, both the trailer type and the large lorry type. There are commercial vehicles, deliveries, refuse lorries as I have already described, which even my car (a small astra) cannot pass - Church Lane is in continual use. BNRG's admission of the need for a traffic manager and a shuttle system is actually the

very reason why this application should be refused - even BNRG accept the lane is too narrow for large vehicles to pass each other anywhere other than the so-called lay by. it is inevitable that the lane will become impassable.

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
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