

The Old Vicarage
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Mr Karl Roberts
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West Sussex BN17 5LF

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Dear Sir

Planning Application BN/29/15/PL at Barnham Court Farm and related matters

I wish to raise an objection to this application as I do not feel it contains any consideration to the local community and if granted will result in unacceptable and sustained levels of disruption, increased traffic and noise to the residents.

My objections to the proposed application are:

1. To the proposed means of access via Church Lane, Barnham. This is a residential, narrow, rural lane, which leads into a Conservation Area and is already subject to a considerable number of HGVs, lorries and vans driving up and down during the day without sufficient respect to either the speed limits or the verges. The application referred to will put a significant amount of extra traffic through this route – much of it will be very large construction vehicles. Having spoken to Gulya Isyanova, Portfolio Manager, BNRG Renewables at the public consultation on the 3rd September, I was extremely disappointed with the poor “Traffic Management Plan” presented which only addressed the convenience of their contractors with no discernible attention to the needs and convenience of local residents. This is utterly unacceptable. Ms Isyanova said residents of Church Lane could expect at least three HGV vehicles using Church Lane every day and an unspecified number of lorries of an unspecified size routinely using the lane daily. She also said there would be no traffic management measures in place at the top of the lane (at the junction with Yapton Lane) despite this being very tight to navigate with only room for a single vehicle as commuters park their cars there to avoid paying for parking and there is a public house.
2. The proposed use of the “lay-by” outside the Old Vicarage for a shuttle system according to the Traffic Management Plan. This is not actually constructed as a proper lay-by and has no road markings or restrictions. It is less than 10 metres in length and 2.2 metres wide. Ms Isyanova admitted that the contractors do not have the authority to block this lay-by to use exclusively for their vehicles and would be relying on the good will of the residents to keep this area clear. If such a plan was approved it would severely restrict the access to their homes by residents of Church Lane and Highground Lane.

3. The proposed working hours and increased traffic from 08:00 - 20:00 on Monday to Friday and 08:00 – 13:00 on Saturday. This seems excessive and unreasonable to have large lorries (of an unspecified size and number) and the constant noise of constructing the solar power farm during such long working hours and during the peak periods when the lane is in use by residents going to and from work and taking their children to and from school.

In addition, I also object to the creation of another solar power farm, especially as there is already a much larger solar power energy project that was completed last year about 800 metres from the one proposed Barnham Court Farm. I believe we must protect the fast diminishing countryside of our area from despoliation and respect the local Conservation Area.

Kind regards,

Rebecca Mowling