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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/50/20/PL
Site Address: Land west of Fontwell Avenue Fontwell Avenue Eastergate PO20 3RX
Description of works: Demolition of existing structures on-site & erection of 42 No. dwellings with access, parking, landscaping & associated works. This application is a Departure from the Development Plan.

Thank you for your internet representation made on 16th June 2020 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

OWPC27804

Objection:

I write this on behalf of my elderly parents who live on Fontwell Avenue.

With a sizeable development at the end of Fontwell Avenue already being built, isn't it a little excessive to propose yet another that close? Property developers must be rubbing their hands right now as it appears they are dealing with a council who care very little about existing residents and are more concerned about hitting their KPI's. The supposed housing need is threatening the environment and village life as all this proposed building and completely flawed road proposals will eventually result in a 'new town/concrete mess/sector'. If it is perceived that there is a desperate housing shortage, why not take a look at Yapton, that is swamped with new houses already with more on the way.

Responses I recently gave to some statements from a recent door drop by the developer:

There is no infrastructure to support more houses. For example, a doctor's surgery that is overflowing and current residents find it difficult to get an appointment. Put infrastructure in first perhaps??

'Access to local amenities' - there are very few and these will be put under increased strain as mentioned above.

'Surrounding villages can be accessed by sustainable methods of transport'. This does sound like a 'Council-friendly' paragraph. The reality is that people use cars and based on this proposal, approx. 80 more cars will be added to the area.

'Access to job opportunities' - Where? Certainly not in the villages.

The whole area is known to have flood potential so how will another development help this risk? I myself live in Eastergate and my garden has resembled a marsh in recent times.

'The proposals for new homes will positively contribute to the local area and help sustain businesses and services in nearby villages' - How?? Or this a 'stock' paragraph?

What is 'bat-friendly' planting? If bats are present then should building take place?

'Enhanced vegetation to support local habitats' is all well and good but more green space will be torn up to support the increase in traffic from this and other developments so that is counter-productive and still puts wildlife etc at risk.

Will save this as most can be used again to respond to the next yellow planning notice...

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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