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29 June 2022

To:
Arun District Council Planning Dept
Maltravers Road
Littlehampton.

Dear Sirs,

Re: Planning Application BN/68/22/PL - Land adjacent to Wayside, Eastergate Lane, Eastergate. PO20 3SJ

Walberton Parish Council **objects** to the above application.

We strongly support the issues raised by Barnham and Eastergate Parish Council concerning this proposal.

- The site is a greenfield site outside the built-up area boundary. It is within the Eastergate Lane green corridor.
- We are concerned about the potential to increase the flood risk in the area, contrary to Barnham and Eastergate Neighbourhood Plan Policy ES1A/B.
- We are also concerned about the potential environmental and ecological impact – the site will lead to a loss of Priority Habitat. There are Tree Protection Orders on trees within the site.
- We note that the Ecological Impact Assessment states in point 7.3, “Once avoidance and mitigation measures have been taken into account, the **impacts on biodiversity will initially be negative, but will in the longer-term become more minor** as the proposed planting matures.” [Our emphasis.] We feel that this is contrary to Arun Local Plan policy ENV DM5 which expects demonstration of a net gain in biodiversity and protection of existing habitats.

Yours sincerely,

(send unsigned by email)

Andrew Vawer
Chair, Planning Committee, Walberton Parish Council.