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From: Amber Jenkins-Draper [REDACTED]
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Good evening,

I am writing for the planning application reference BN/73/26/OUT.

We have lived on Yapton Road, opposite the field, for over 20 years. In all that time, this is the first instance in which we have been consulted or even informed about a proposal of this scale. We feel we have been entirely disregarded throughout this process, which is unacceptable.

I walk to and from the train station daily via Yapton Road, and the current volume and speed of traffic already present a serious safety risk. The village infrastructure is simply not capable of accommodating additional strain. There has already been a serious incident in which a schoolgirl was struck by a vehicle, highlighting the inadequacy of current safety measures. Journey times to Chichester and Bognor can already take up to 30 minutes due to congestion. Furthermore, accessing our own driveway has become increasingly dangerous, with vehicles frequently exceeding 50mph in a 30mph zone.

There has also been a noticeable and concerning rise in antisocial behaviour in Barnham. This is no longer the quiet village it once was. The situation has escalated to the point of national media attention, with reports of abuse towards local workers. This marks a significant change from just five years ago, and it has left residents feeling unsafe in their own community.

The field in question has long been an important local green space. We walked our dog there for many years and have seen firsthand how wildlife thrives in this environment. Developing this land would result in the destruction of an established habitat, contributing to biodiversity loss and environmental decline.

The proposed development's proximity to an active railway line raises further safety concerns. The suggestion of placing a children's playground nearby is particularly alarming and appears to demonstrate a lack of proper consideration for risk.

In addition, there is already a shortage of school places in the area - a problem that has existed for at least a decade. The proposal to add 200 affordable homes without any corresponding increase in school capacity is deeply concerning, particularly when there is only one secondary school within walking distance.

Flooding is another critical issue. The proposed site is on land that we have personally witnessed flooding on multiple occasions. This year alone has seen exceptionally high rainfall, and Yapton Road has experienced significant drainage failures, including overflowing drains. We have photographic evidence to support this. Proceeding with development on land known to be prone to flooding, without first resolving these issues, is irresponsible.

While we appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback, it is difficult not to feel that this consultation is merely procedural and unlikely to influence the final decision. Nevertheless, we strongly urge you to reconsider this proposal in light of the serious concerns raised.

We request a detailed response addressing each of the points outlined above, as this development will have a significant and lasting impact on our lives.

I eagerly await your reply,
Amber Jenkins-Draper