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Dear Sir/Madam,

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Town & Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 5

Application No: BN/73/26/OUT
Site Address: Land at Sunnyside Nurseries Yapton Road Barnham
Description of works: Outline planning (with some matters reserved except access) for up to 190 No. dwellings including informal and formal public open space, landscaping, drainage, and other associated works. This application is a Departure from the Development Plan, affects a Public Right of Way and may affect the setting of listed buildings.

Thank you for your internet representation made on 29th July 2026 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

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Having recently moved into the village of Barnham, I am a little disappointed to see additional planning go in for more houses than the too many houses already outlined in the local plan details.

When I attempted to get my children into a local school, initially, I could get a place for one at Clymping, the other at Tangmere! A local school said you should blame the government for building houses and no schools!, so for my children walking to school is not an option although I had hoped it would be. So, there appears to be a massive shortage of school places in the local area. I did finally manage to get them both into the same school, but they are now oversubscribed.

I noticed the water pressure to be much lower than I had been used to previously so this is another issue, my plumber noticed this too along with the gas supply pressure. More houses is only likely to exacerbate the situation.

The traffic is an issue, it is very busy, lots of people use it as a rat run, the speedlimit is hardly ever adhered to or enforced. The footpath is tight, I walk to work along it and it doesn't always feel safe, and it is definitely single file and pass people by walking in the road.

Drainage is an issue too, Barnham has suffered for years, the latest sinkhole escapade shows this, however it has been much better walking about while the road has been closed!

There is very little in the way of employment in Barnham, which will mean that there will be more parking at the station or more cars on the Yapton Road commuting and doing the school runs.

One of the reasons I chose to live in Barnham is that I like living in a village (green spaces, smaller community, etc), so bought accordingly as I am sure current residents did, but with all of the recent and current developments (Tar farm 200 houses (not very attractive either!), Fordham 1500 houses and Windmill views 95 (quite attractive) it would appear Barnham will become a town soon, joining the local villages together with no facilities, rather than separate nice Sussex villages.

The parking in Barnham is not particularly good either, with the road from the station to the bridge full as its free parking, at school times the centre is at a standstill, with the bus stop opposite the co op.

Barnham as it appears at its limit, I must say it seems to be the area is considered easy pickings by developers.

The development in my opinion detracts from the village, it has nothing to offer, apart from a small grassy area/playground, and Murrells green is just along the road and has plenty of facilities, these new developments should include things to improve the entire area, a fully funded library, school, swimming pool, something to offer the community at large rather than be a drain on current infrastructure.

As stated by other people, the density of housing in the area is way too high, light pollution could potentially be an issue too, along with lack of facilities for teenagers.

Your views as made above will be considered before the application is determined.

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Any comments that are received after the agenda has been finalised will be separately reported to the members of the Planning Committee.

Regardless of how the application is determined I will notify you of the decision.

Yours sincerely



Neil Crowther
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