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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: BR/129/21/OUT
Site Address: 26 Burnham Avenue Bognor Regis PO21 2JU
Description of works: Outline application with all matters reserved for up to 10 No. new dwellings with associated services, landscaping, car parking & amenity (resubmission following BR/190/20/OUT).

Thank you for your internet representation made on 21st June 2021 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

OWPC37591

I object strongly to this proposed development on several issues. In no particular order, 11 further households would be far too many for this area to support. There are already too many buildings of multiple occupancy in this area, putting another one up is not the way forward for all the reasons I shall list here. What is needed are more family houses, perhaps to attract young professional families.

Off street parking is only offered for one car per household, most households with two or more adults have at least two cars. Where will the others park or are we to expect that these flats will only be available to single people who intend to stay that way for the duration of their residency? The street, and many surrounding ones, is already over crowded with cars, making it dangerous to cross the road, and exit and enter one's own property. Impossible for visitors to park.

Eleven more households will put further strain on the local infrastructure, roads, doctors, schools, power supplies, communications supplies, sewerage and water services, refuse collection etc. There is already a recurring hole in the middle of the road between 39 and 30 Burnham Avenue, which will only worsen with increased traffic caused by construction vehicles residential traffic.

The road floods, especially at the junction with Devonshire Road. Further construction with a foot print such as this can only increase this issue, as there will be less exposed ground to soak up the rain.

New builds will further erode the delightful and historic nature of this area. We boast a living history of domestic architecture covering at least two centuries that is diverse and perhaps unique in a modern town centre environment. Modern, bland, cookie-cutter developments will look out of place and detract from the charm and character of the area.

Due to the many gardens in the area many wildlife species exist here, some quite rare, particularly in an urban environment. We have bats (pipistrels and others, I believe), many small birds: blue tits, green finches, gold finches among many others, frogs, toads, newts, myriad insects including damsel flies and invaluable pollinators including several species of bees, hoverflies and butterflies. All of which would be extremely disturbed and disrupted, if not chased out entirely by such a construction project and its resulting increase in human activity.

As a result of Covid-19 more and more people have been restricted to their homes for leisure, social and work purposes. With no guaranteed end in sight of this pandemic, there are no guarantees that people will be spending less time at home. There is much data to suggest that, even in the event of a return to "normality", many people who can will remain working from home. Construction and an increase of 11 households will have a hugely unfair and detrimental effect on the livelihoods, physical and mental health of existing residents. Dust caused by construction such as this will be violently detrimental to anyone with asthma, bronchitis, COPD, or other respiratory problems, making them more vulnerable to Covid-19, putting further strain on the NHS.

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

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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 Planning 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 Planning 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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