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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:

OWPC37597

While recognising that this planning application is a re-submission I feel that I must strongly object to it going ahead for a number of very important reasons.

It is very important to protect the integrity of the local residential area, which on this part of Burnham Avenue is very much of an early 20th Century residential area in character. This particularly important as Sturgess Road and the lower end of Burnham Avenue are suffering from Churlification or reverse gentrification, and as such are declining in character.

There are already too many buildings that have changed from single to multiple occupancy, putting a great strain on the area. For example, with cars parked down both sides of the road it is sometimes impossible for emergency service vehicles to progress, and this may put life at risk.

While off street parking is offered, there is only one space for each flat. Most of the flats are shown as two double bedrooms, hence if two or more people occupy each flat there is a strong chance that the flat will have two or more vehicles. Some may also have work related and personal vehicles. The question remains, where will these extra vehicles park? Burnham Avenue and the surrounding road are already overcrowded with cars, many of which belong to people who work in the town and often cars are left there for several weeks when people go to the railway station to go on holiday.

Additionally at the Victoria Drive end of Burnham Avenue more cars are being parked by workers at the home for refugees, often obstructing driveways. In recent months there has been an increase of large vehicles being park on the road and as such making it very difficult to see whether or not traffic is coming when exiting properties. For example, one white van, which is taxed and insured and belonging to someone living further

away, has been parked for so long that it has been broken into and one of the windows smashed.

If this proposal is allowed to proceed where will all the vehicles associated with the construction workers be parked, many of which will be vans. Here I cite the example of the development of the Royal Hotel on the sea front, where although many were not parked on the road, there were many vans and large heavy construction vehicles. Further to this the dust and noise associated with construction could have a detrimental impact on the health of local residents, particularly those with respiratory and mental health problems.

The road is already very fragile and the drains having been repaired once will no doubt suffer from heavy construction vehicles that will be accessing the property, and may well be prone to further collapse.

This urban area is different from many in that the houses have; for an area that is relatively central large gardens. These in turn provide a valuable wildlife habitat. In particular bats are often seen, along with many small birds, such as gold finches, robins, blue tits, great tits, while there is evidence of hedgehogs and foxes along with many invertebrates, with possible sightings of great crested newts. This development would certainly be detrimental to this habitat in that it would interfere with the corridors that allow many of these creatures to move around.

Burnham Avenue is not a quiet road, with many drivers using it as a short cut often at speeds well in excess of the speed limit. With more vehicles using the entrance to the flats this may well increase the risk to both motorists and pedestrians.

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
Group Head of Planning

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