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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/70/22/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/129/21/OUT).

Thank you for your internet representation made on 25th April 2022 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

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Ten further households is far too many for this area to support. There are already too many buildings of multiple occupancy here, putting more up will only exacerbate matters. More family houses are needed, to attract young families to the street, town & area in general.

Off street parking is only offered for one car per household, most households with two or more adults have at least two cars. It is naïve to think otherwise. The streets in this area are already overcrowded with cars, making it dangerous to cross the road, exit or enter one's own property. It is impossible for visitors to park.

Ten more households will put further strain on local infrastructure, roads, doctors, schools, power & supplies, refuse, sewerage & water services, etc. The recurring hole in the road between 39 & 30, is worsening & will deteriorate further with increased traffic from heavy construction & the ensuing residential traffic. The many dips & dents in this road & the surrounding area speak of unstable sewers beneath which will deteriorate still further with the additional waste of a further ten households.

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. Drainage in the street is non-existent or not functioning & will only worsen, as they are never cleared by the council this is unlikely to improve.

Bland, cookie-cutter developments will erode the delightful charm & historic character of the area. We boast a living history of domestic architecture covering at least two centuries that is diverse & perhaps unique in a modern town centre environment. Smaller developments nearby such as those further up Burnham Ave & in Victoria Drive, where small groups of family houses with gardens have been constructed are much more in

keeping with the appearance & demographic of the area.

The established gardens in the area support diverse wildlife species, some quite rare, particularly in an urban environment. We have pipistrel bats, blue tits, green finches, gold finches, frogs, toads, newts, myriad insects including damsel flies & invaluable pollinators including several species of bees, hoverflies & butterflies. All of which would be highly disrupted, if not chased out entirely by such a construction project & the resulting increase in human activity.

The increasing cost of living plus the continuing effects of C19 & Long Covid will keep many people at home for leisure, social & work purposes. With no guaranteed end in sight for any of this it is unlikely to change soon. Construction work & more households will have a hugely detrimental effect on the livelihoods, physical & mental health of existing residents. Dust from construction is dangerous to anyone with asthma, bronchitis, COPD, Long Covid 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/what-happens-next>.

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/planning-application-search>

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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