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Dear Sir/Madam,

The Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Town & country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 6

Application No: CM/48/21/RES
Site Address: Land to the West of Church Lane South of Horsemere Green Lane Clymping
Description of works: Approval of reserved matters following the grant of CM/1/17/OUT for the erection of 300 No dwellings & a building within use class E, together with public open space, LAPs, LEAP & ancillary works, including car parking & drainage arrangements, with access off Church Lane & Horsemere Green Lane. This application may affect the setting of listed buildings & is in CIL Zone 4 (HSP2) & is not CIL Liable.

Thank you for your internet representation made on 4th August 2023 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

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I detail below several reasons why this development must not go ahead:-

- 1) The site is good agricultural land used for food production.
- 2) Reports have confirmed that the site is prone to flooding and the planned drainage solutions will not solve the problem.
- 3) The environment have produced a report which suggest that this whole area will be under water by 2050. The sea broke through the limited defences in 2020 and flooded the fields up to the A259. In the past few days the sea defences have once more been breached and sea water has entered the fields with substantial damage to the defences. The Environment Agency have advised that they are leaving the coastline at Clymping to "realign" itself. It is only a matter of time before flooding occurs again up to and possibly beyond the A259 resulting in this site being flooded. If houses are built it is only a matter of time until they will be subject to flooding.
- 4) Every time it rains, Southern Water pump raw sewage into the sea. More houses (including the huge proposed development at Ford) will result in many more days of this happening. Whenever houses are built nothing is done about improving the sewage system with the result that our seas and rivers are in a disgusting state.
- 5) The site is a haven for a variety of animals including foxes, badgers rabbits and deer. Despite reassurances that everything will be done to preserve wildlife it is a fact of life that it cannot be done. Many species will disappear from the area. A leading expert recently commented that if you destroy the insects the human race will become extinct. Sadly not a thought is given to the wildlife and ultimately it will have

catastrophic results.

6) In a survey various ancient artefacts were found at the site and it is likely that these may extend further. How can building take place on an area of such historic interest?

7) Three hundred houses will result in six hundred more cars on our already congested road network. Every weekday morning traffic is queued up on the east bound A259 from the Church Lane roundabout to the Comet Corner junction. The same thing happens in the weekday evenings and causes queues on Church Lane from the roundabout to past Ford Prison which also results in poor air quality. Sadly, when any traffic surveys are done they are normally at midday when the traffic is lighter!

7) There are not enough school places or available NHS doctors and dentists to deal with the increased number of people.

8) During a normal summer the water companies tell us there is a shortage of water and impose hose pipe bans. With more houses this will only get worse.

9) Over the years this area has been saturated with housing developments and our beautiful countryside is rapidly disappearing. Villages are disappearing as infilling joins them together. It is only a matter of time before Climbing is a suburb of Littlehampton. It has to stop. The majority of people in the area do not want ANY further housing development yet Arun District Council keep on passing new developments. Shouldn't the councillors that we have elected take our views into account?

I urge you to reject this application and all further applications in this overcrowded area. With the real risk of future extensive flooding now is the time to ban all new housing in the area for a distance of 5 miles from the coast inland.

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

Please be aware that Planning Services operate an 'open file' policy and will publish your comments including your name and address on the website. Please make sure that you have only provided information that you are happy will be published in this way. If you have supplied information belonging to a third party, you must make sure you have their permission to do so. If you do not wish your comments to appear on the website or on the file you will need to confirm this by emailing to planning@arun.gov.uk and I will arrange for it to be destroyed although this means that the content will then be disregarded.

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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
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