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Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Application No: FG/54/22/PL
Site Address: Land rear of 1 Sea Drive Ferring BN12 5HD
Description of works: 1 No new dwelling. This application is in CIL Zone 4 and is CIL Liable as new dwelling.

Thank you for your internet representation made on 4th May 2022 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

OWPC47238

REFERENCE WSCC HIGHWAYS REPORT 8TH APRIL 2022

Dear Mr Shaw

I see that you have been copied in by Mr Schneider regarding my ongoing concerns about what I consider to be a serious road safety risk posed by the proposed entrance on a blind corner on Sea Lane Ferring

It appears that the comments in Mr Schneider's initial report (that talked about Sea Drive, not Sea Lane) made regarding this proposed site for the entrance on to Sea Lane were arrived at by a glance at a map with no consideration for the 25 plus objections lodged by locals who, repeatedly cite the dangers of that location, given their personal knowledge as their grounds for their objection.

I have to say that given the repeated alerts to the dangers by the people that live in and around that road, I find it utterly irresponsible that Mr Schneider refuses to investigate these alerts in more detail. It's an accident waiting to happen.

This is a serious safety risk to the public and should be taken seriously, in the same manner as were the concerns made further up the road that led to the traffic calming chicane.

Mr Schneider in his report confirms that "On-site turning does not appear achievable, so vehicles may have to exit the site in a reverse gear". I would invite you, as I did Mr Schneider, to visit the site and try reversing your car out of the proposed exit onto Sea Lane and tell me that it is not a dangerous manoeuvre at any time, let alone on a busy weekend when motorists drive at excessive speed as they do far too often round the blind

bend.

Given my concerns I have contacted the Chairman of the UK National Road Safety Committee, Graham Feest, who has visited the site and has now written to planning Committee Chairman direct and to the chair of the Ferring Parish Council to ask for a decision to be deferred until a survey and options have been considered by West Sussex County Council with regard to the road safety issues.

I have also asked Mr Schneider (under the freedom of information act), for a copy of the original correspondence from the Local highway authority in the case of FG/198/16/PL which sets out why they objected to the new access on to Sea lane back in 2017. In his response I was told to look on the correspondence website portal. Having looked, the only report on there indicates that the LHA needed more details, nothing more.

Simply passing me back to the planning department if I am not happy with the decision, is not acceptable

You have a responsibility to fully review and investigate the public's alerts to the risks caused by the speed and volume of traffic and the dangers of reversing into and out of an entrance on a blind bend.

Can you confirm that you will carry out that full review in the interests of the public concerns and take responsibility for minimising the risks of a serious accident?

I look forward to your confirmation and the copy of the Highways report that I have twice previously requested.

Yours sincerely
Andy Crabb

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.

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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