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OBJECTION TO PLANNING APPLICATION FP/274/21/OUT

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to strongly object to the Planning Application FP/274/21/OUT regarding the development of houses on the Bognor Regis Golf course sited in the village of Felpham. On the Golf Club website the number of homes proposed to be built in this development was 480 it has since come to light that the number is much higher and is around **600** homes. My question and worry is where do the numbers stop.

In this part of West Sussex we have already had a large number of new housing estates which have been built over the last 2/3 years, there are currently numerous housing developments already being built (to name just a few areas around this current location are Yapton, Angmering, East Preston, Fontwell, Nyetimber, Pagham, Bersted Park, Walberton, many numerous builds around Chichester and Climping where around 900 homes are planned, which is just 3.2 miles along the road from where this proposed development on the golf course is to be built and many more developments in the pipeline to come.

My worry is that we are loosing our green spaces for people to escape too for leisure the fresh air, health and just for pleasure. We will soon be encroaching onto our beautiful South Downs one of this country's National Parks. We are loosing large amounts of wildlife and their habitats, trees, ponds, wetlands etc, it is all being overtaken with concrete and tarmac upsetting our delicate Ecco system here in West Sussex.

We reside adjacent to the golf club and have the privilege of much of its wildlife. The loss of this green space which has been kept in top condition where birds, animals, plants and trees thrive would be devastating for this area. There are a number of the beautiful majestic Monterey Pines throughout this golf course and many more beautiful trees and hedgerows which will all be lost if this development goes ahead. We have had deer coming up to our front door, pheasants and bats in our back garden, we have seen woodpeckers, ducks, stoats, squirrels rabbits to name but a few.

We have had first hand experience and problems with the upkeep of our green areas throughout the Blakes Mead Estate, which all residents on the estate are paying extra for. I have knowledge of this happening on other estates not just in this county but on a lot of new developments, where contractors are installed to upkeep the green areas on estates, taking the payment for this and then the work is either not done at all, or done to the bare minimum. When payments are withheld from residents for none work on these green areas, residents are then taken to court for the none payment. I am therefore very concerned for this proposed development the surrounding area, on how this would be maintained yearly to the standard it now is and the beautiful green of the golf club will decline.

We should be planting more trees and hedges not ripping them up for housing (a concrete and tarmac jungle).

There are problems on the golf course now with flooding, what is going to happen when these 660 or possibly more homes are built, where will the water go?

We also have had numerous problems with the sewerage and surface water pumping station right opposite where we live, which is adjacent to the Golf Club. They have had to replace two pumps recently, where we had to endure for at least a week two temporary pumps which were very noisy and we felt the vibrations from these machines in our hallway. We have had numerous problems over the past five years with the sewerage and surface water pumping station.

We suffer occasionally with low water pressure which does not help when using our washing machines, showers etc, this is only going to get worse with more houses being built so near within this area.

We have also experienced power outages from time to time in the area. So with more housing being planned within this area it will only get worse.

Services in this area of West Sussex are at breaking point, there are not enough doctors surgeries to cope with the existing population and waiting times to see your local GP are becoming dangerous and unacceptable. The same is happening with local dental practices, there are NO NHS dental practices within this area.

When the new estate was built on Blakes Mead there were plans for a SCHOOL to be built this would have alleviated some of the present problems for a short while. Obviously this has not materialised which has made things worse and yet more houses are being planned. There are also problems in West Sussex with waiting times and Hospital appointments again this is putting our residents lives at risk.

You cannot go on building new housing developments without the infrastructure being put in first. PLANNING MEANS PLANNING.

The roads around Bognor, Chichester, Felpham and the wider area are at capacity now and with all the planned new housing developments it is going to be chaos and many more lives at risk or lost. We are constantly experiencing bad accidents along the A259 between Littlehampton and Felpham/Bognor. It seems that each week we have an accident along this stretch of road, with quite a number of these being fatal and where the road has had to be closed causing disruption within a large radius. During the summer where we have an influx of visitors to the area the problems are multiplied many time over.

Thank you for taking your time in reading this letter and I hope that I have put forward some of the problems I have envisaged, that need to be looked into for this area. I love Felpham and its people and its beautiful countryside and would be sad to see this gradually disappear.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S. Standing