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Head of Planning Department
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31st March 2022

Dear Sirs/Madam,

Re: FP/274/21/OUT Planning application for the development of housing on Bognor Regis Golf Course and M/16/22/PL proposed course north of Ancton Lane.

We object strongly to this planning proposal.

We live in South Road off Goodwood Avenue and we have always had cars parking down our road during school drop off and pick up times. Since both the Community College and Downview Primary School have extended their buildings to accommodate more pupil intake, the traffic has increased considerably. We now cannot exit our drive or South Road by car during these times due to the congestion. The school traffic also causes huge queues the length of Downview Road leading up to the Felpham traffic lights. Speed humps have been introduced in an attempt to slow the traffic down but cars still speed over them. Creating housing on the Golf Course site will result in even larger groups of children crossing from Goodwood Avenue over to the other side of Downview Road, putting them at risk and increase traffic picking them up.

The roads in this area are full of potholes and heavy construction traffic plus the increase of over 1,000 + more vehicles from owners of new houses on the Golf Course will contribute to a further deterioration of our roads and the A259.

To contemplate more new housing in the Felpham area is complete madness. The infrastructure is not there to support it.

The schools have already built extensions to cope with the extra homes in the Flansham area, our surgeries are overloaded and we have a shortage of dentists.

Since moving here thirteen years ago we have watched so many green fields being dug up and turned into housing estates with the loss of mature trees and wildlife, plus industrial sites now containing Lidl and Aldi. The proposed site north of Ancton Lane is agricultural land and in these difficult times when food security is problematic, we would have thought that retaining agricultural land would be essential.

We often see on the news that developers have still continued to build on areas noted for flooding and seen the misery it causes. This will become worse in this area should planning go ahead. We already have low water pressure and our sewerage is often being pumped into the sea when the system fails to cope.

There is the issue of the loss of recreational open space and enjoyment of footpaths, which is essential for mental health, existing trees of so many varieties some of which should remain protected, but once removed cannot be replaced with an apology. We have a great deal of wildlife and biodiversity within this area which will lose its habitat and ecosystems.

The inhabitants of Felpham stand to lose a great deal, including ceasing to remain a village. We have no wish to become a town and part of a sprawling landscape. We are already over developed.

There is not the infrastructure to support this development. We appreciate the need to house a growing population, but there are ample Brownfield sites and empty houses in this country to fill the quotas for housing, but then they do not produce huge enough profits for the developers. It is the usual case of profit before people.

