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To the Arun Council & Planning Committees:

I have previously submitted 2 objections with regard to this Planning Application and wish the additional comments below to be also considered, following the recent decision by West Sussex County Council Highways (WSCCH) regarding Downview Road and its surrounding roads

I understand that, unbelievably, WSCCH has approved Downview Road as a route to the proposed estate on the Bognor golf course. I completely concur with the objections raised by Felpham Parish Council and sent to you this week, viz:

Felpham Parish Council have discussed West Sussex County Council Highway's final response to the traffic impact at Downview Road junction with the B2259 and are deeply disappointed in the response and strongly object to the acceptance of the application. Felpham Parish Council further find that the mitigated queue lengths are totally unacceptable to Felpham Parish Council on behalf of the village. (258M = queue length of 51 cars, 163m = queue length of 32 cars based on an average car length of 5m).

Felpham Parish Council are highly concerned at the increased risk to the health and safety of pedestrians and cyclists that the rephasing of the traffic lights will cause and this proposal undermines all the risk management solutions that have been implemented as a result of the number of previous incidences including fatalities.

Felpham Parish Council believe that this proposal takes the village back to the situation that it had prior to the construction of the Charles Purley Way and are deeply disappointed that the mitigation works that took place following the Blakes Mead development will now be negated.

How could their very valid concerns be so wilfully disregarded? But this is only half the story

I should add that the WSCCH report centres around the impact (or lack of impact in their view) on Downview Road, with no consideration given to the impacts on, for example, Outerwyke Road and Firs Avenue, which have already become rat runs, particularly at school run times

Furthermore, everyone seems to have lost sight of the final outcome, should full approval to this plan be given. It's not just the massive increase in heavy vehicles servicing the site during construction, the back up at the traffic lights, or the rat runs that are detrimental

Should, heaven forbid, the new estate be built, we are talking about an extra 1,000 residents' vehicles a day using Downview Road alone, not to mention all the delivery and other commercial vehicles that would also come to the proposed estate, which, in reality means, of course, a potential minimum of 2 journeys a day each way. This is not simple conjecture, this will clearly be the outcome and it will have a serious impact not just on health and safety and traffic/parking management as described above, but also on the environment, in all respects

This decision makes no sense and must be forcefully challenged and overturned

Yours,

Adrian Bennett