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Dear Sir/Madam,

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Town & Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 5

Application No: F/4/20/OUT
Site Address: Land at Ford Airfield Ford
Description of works: Outline planning application (with all matters reserved except for access) for the development of up to 1,500 dwellings (Use Class C3), 60-bed care home (Use Class C2), up to 9,000 sqm of employment floorspace (Use Classes B1), local centre of up to 2,350 sqm including up to 900 sqm retail / commercial (Use Classes A1-A5) and 1,450 sqm community / leisure floorspace (Use Classes D1-D2), land for a two-form entry primary school (Use Class D1), public open space, allotments, new sports pitches and associated facilities, drainage, parking and associated access, infrastructure, landscape, ancillary and site preparation works, including demolition of existing buildings and part removal of existing runway hardstanding. This application affects a Public Right of Way. This application is the subject of an Environmental Statement. This application may affect the setting of a Listed Building. This application falls within CIL Zone 1 - Zero Rated.

Thank you for your internet representation made on 18th January 2021 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

OWPC33013

This is of course a development application at a strategic scale for Arun District, and requires a level of co-ordination and coping with complexity beyond the scale of many applications. The papers submitted do not yet give the necessary confidence that this development, together with the adjacent Ford Circular Technology Park (Grundon/Viridor), let alone those at Drove Lane and Bilsham, will proceed in step, and not hinder the success of the combined sites or just one of them because of a lack of coordination or shared leadership of the whole. Two related initiatives could help to bind together these developments - firstly, an enhancement of the contribution of the Portsmouth to Arundel Canal line on the sites to maximise a sense of shared local heritage - and, secondly, support to the establishment of an east-west "Greenway" through these sites to benefit walkers, cyclists, horse riders, and outdoor enthusiasts in general. The respective developers, and ADC, should seize the opportunity to join Sustrans, the Friends of the Old Ford to Hunston Canal (of which I am a member), the British Horse Society, and other supporters in promoting this Greenway concept. Such a partnership approach will also benefit the drive for preserving as much greenspace as possible within a very

large local area which threatens to be over-dominated by built environment.

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/planning-decision-process>.

Some applications will be determined by the Development Control 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/weekly-lists>

Any comments that are received after the agenda has been finalised will be separately reported to the members of the Development Control Committee.

Regardless of how the application is determined I will notify you of the decision.

Yours sincerely



Neil Crowther
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