

2nd July 2026

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 Schedule 2 (As amended)

Application No: K/9/26/PD
Site Address: Potato Barn Kingston Lane East Preston BN16 1RS
Description of works: Prior approval under Schedule 2, Part 3, Class Q for the conversion of existing barn into 3 No. dwellings.

Thank you for your internet representation made on 2nd July 2026 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

OWPC84543

I wish to object to the proposed development of the potato barn on land across the Rife from our property.

This area is an important part of the local countryside and rural landscape. It is currently quiet, open, and largely undeveloped, contributing significantly to the character of the surrounding area. The proposed development would result in an urbanising impact that would erode the peaceful nature of the landscape and permanently alter the countryside setting enjoyed by local residents and visitors.

The site and surrounding land also provide valuable habitat for wildlife and birds. The Rife corridor and adjacent fields support a variety of species which depend on this undisturbed environment for feeding, nesting, and movement. I am concerned that increased activity, construction, lighting, noise, and ongoing use of the development could lead to habitat disturbance and displacement of wildlife.

In addition, the development risks setting an undesirable precedent for further encroachment into open countryside. Once rural land and natural surroundings are lost, they cannot easily be restored.

I respectfully ask the Council to give careful consideration to:

- * The impact on the character and appearance of the countryside
- * The loss of tranquillity in a quiet rural area
- * The potential harm to wildlife habitats and bird populations
- * The environmental impact on the Rife and surrounding landscape
- * The cumulative effect of further development in this location

For these reasons, I strongly object to this application and ask that it be refused.

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. The website is updated once a day in the evening so it may take up to 24 hours for it appear on there. 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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If you have provided an email address, all correspondence including the decision notice will be sent by email. It is therefore important that you keep us informed if this changes during the course of this application.

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