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Subject: LITTLEHAMPTON (LU/355/10)- REMOVAL OF CONDITION 24, COURTWICK PARK

To ;:- The Committee Manager,
Arun District Council, Development Control.

The above application has appeared by way of a reference to Littlehampton Town Council, but the local inhabitants have not been advised by means of the customary public notice. It is understood the application to revoke the Condition 24 would release the need for the extensive and environmentally damaging consequences involved in the construction of the associated bus route. That requires the Developer to promote a design suitable for a regular standard size coach service to pass along what is now a safe and narrow, private quarter mile length of farm track. This extends from Courtwick Lane at its junction with Kingfisher Drive up to the new estate, and in advance of the Courtwick Park estate building programme.

As presented by the Developer, the condition rests on the view that the works, causing substantial damage to tree and hedge screen and widening and strengthening of the poor quality surface, are immediately required to sustain the delivery of 600 homes and before future demand can be established. This route, being used only by the occasional passage of farm vehicles, if extended to HGV standards, will become systematically more dangerous to the walkers and cyclists who now take advantage of those present safe conditions.

It should also be noted that whatever the future Public Transport Strategy, that extensive length and cost of the connection serves no immediate passenger demand from the current frontagers. It is also stressed that the inclusive condition, imposing a suitable automatic gate arrangement, raises the prior question of location and regulatory control which would need a commitment to establish a public highway adoption process.

The purpose for giving support to the Developer's application or a relaxation to the timing of implementation rests in the subject of Trench Farrow letter (Ref A082185) registered by ADC on 7th Nov. 2013. The contents note "discussion with the Highway Authority, the Town Council and with Bus Operatives have concluded that none of the parties see the benefit of running buses along this (un-adopted and isolated) minor road".

This approval given in June by the Town Council, associated with public contribution to the debate, has now apparently been withdrawn causing some distress to those who made representation at the time. The Developer's alternative loop system is shown giving a wider frontage contact to all the new properties in the Courtwick Park development together with nearer access for the proposed Commercial Development along the A259. Such a proposition, as opposed to the limited peripheral passage that the service currently indicates to be round the estate, makes more sense to those involved.

I would ask you to seek the formal views of those members of the public more closely related to the enquiry than the Authority, or, at least, wait until after the first houses are occupied later in the building programme.

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