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Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Application No: LU/98/26/PL
Site Address: 16 Swanbourne Road Littlehampton BN17 6HS
Description of works: Erection of 1 No single storey dwelling with car parking and provision of driveway and car parking for No. 16 Swanbourne Road (resubmission following LU/96/25/PL). This application is in CIL Zone 4 and is CIL Liable as a new dwelling.

Thank you for your internet representation made on 5th June 2026 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

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Swanbourne Road already experiences pressure from on street parking, from residents in the road as well as neighbouring roads such as North Street and Lansdowne Road. This is in addition to the huge impact the school traffic creates and is being used as a rat run throughout the day and night. Adding another dwelling will increase traffic and parking demand in an area that is already constrained.

During construction, the impact will be even more severe. Heavy vehicles, contractors' vans and deliveries will create congestion and safety risks on a narrow residential road not designed for this level of activity. This is a legitimate planning concern, especially given the cumulative impact of other developments in this road and the wider area.

There are already substantial large scale developments underway within a one mile radius, delivering hundreds of new homes. In addition, many bungalows in the immediate area have already been converted into houses.

Squeezing an additional dwelling into this plot represents incremental overdevelopment, eroding the spacious character of the neighbourhood and reducing the remaining space. The existing house and what should be the garden contribute positively to the street scene; replacing part of this with another building diminishes that character.

The proposed dwelling appears small and out of proportion with surrounding properties. It is unclear how the developer intends to ensure the materials, finishes and overall appearance will match the established character of Swanbourne Road.

Without clear, enforceable conditions, there is a risk the final build will not integrate well with the rest of the street.

The suggestion of installing hedges conflicts with the established boundary treatments in the road and may contradict existing deeds or covenants. Introducing inconsistent boundary features would disrupt the uniform appearance of the street and alter its character.

Although the applicant claims drainage issues have been addressed, this is understandably a huge area of concern for local residents, especially considering the above points.

There is no shortage of new housing locally, with multiple large developments already under construction nearby. This is purely for the developers own financial gain, not for the benefit of the local residents.

For the reasons above - including loss of privacy for the residents in Highdown Drive, traffic and construction impacts, cumulative overdevelopment, design concerns, potential inappropriate boundary treatments, and unresolved drainage risks - I respectfully put in a request that the council refuse this application.

Your views as made above will be considered before the application is determined.

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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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