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Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Application No: M/16/22/PL  
Site Address: Land South of Grevatts Lane/A259 Climping  
Description of works: Laying out of an 18 hole 72 par golf course, a 9 hole golf course, practice greens and a driving range including a buggy compound; the formation of a new access onto the A259; construction of a club house with associated golf club facilities; the construction of a maintenance building and external area of hardstanding; the laying of parking, new roads and paths; new landscape planting; surface water drainage basins and water storage reservoirs; and other earth works and infrastructure. This application also lies within the parishes of Climping and Yapton, is a Departure from the Development Plan and affects a Public Right of Way. This application is subject to an Environmental Statement.

Thank you for your internet representation made on 3rd August 2022 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

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In 2018 policy SD SP3 was created to protect gaps between settlements, with the area between Littlehampton and Middleton-on-Sea specifically mentioned. It clearly states that development would only be permitted if

1. it did not undermine the physical and visual separation of settlements, which this proposal would clearly do
2. it cannot be located elsewhere. It obviously can, the golf course is already located elsewhere!
3. it maintains the character of the underdeveloped coast. A golf course is a development.

The government's current agricultural policy states 'In light of the consequences of Russia's illegal invasion of Ukraine for the global economy, which has caused knock on impacts for food supplies as well as spikes in prices, the Strategy will also set out the importance of maintaining and boosting our food security, including plans to strengthen the resilience of our supply chains and boost domestic production to help protect against future economic shocks and crises.' Converting this agricultural land to a golf course would directly contradict this policy.

The Sussex Regeneration Collective aims to create 10,000 hectares of contiguous space for wildlife, with rich, biodiverse habitats. The government is about to announce a multimillion-pound "landscape recovery" pilot, one of the new environmental land management schemes (Elms). This golf course development would again directly contradict this government policy, funding and work.

The travel plan submitted by the applicants is ridiculous: they seriously expect golfers with all their paraphernalia will make use of one of the 6 cycle racks they provide or that their clients will catch a bus to the stop 1.2 km east of their site at The Oystercatcher and walk along the A259 or catch a train to Littlehampton station 4.2 km away and then catch a bus for 3 of the remaining kilometres before walking another 1.2 km! The 'tweaking' of their travel plan by the proposal to encourage car sharing or arrival by public transport is also ludicrous. With annual membership fees of £1334.00 it is not realistic to expect their members to sacrifice convenience for the sake of a few pounds for parking. WSCC highways have proposed multimillion pound alterations to the A259 just west of the suggested location due to concerns about congestion and movements on and off the main road along this section so it seems ludicrous to even consider exacerbating this problem.

In summary, there is no reason why Arun Planning department should contradict the policy made by their own council just 4 years ago, deliberately contradict national agricultural and environmental schemes or ignore the comments of local residents, the vast majority of which object to this development.

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

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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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