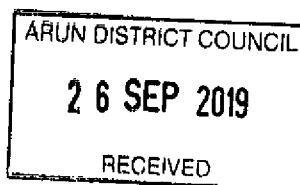


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Planning Application M/80/19/PL

Dear Sir

Please consider the following points concerning the proposed plans for developing the site of the former poultry farm on Yapton Road, Middleton-on-Sea, from the narrow spur road off Silver Birch Drive.

- Unsuitability of access: with reference to the Felpham and Middleton Local History Workshop 1991 publication, "Walks around Middleton and Elmer" I quote, "Ham Lane, a public footpath beside Yapton Road Poultry Farm which leads across the fields". This is our regularly used public footpath which would have to be crossed by heavy traffic where children, dogs, walkers and cyclists daily pass freely. (Refer to Tithe Surveys of Felpham 1844 and Middleton 1838, County Archivist, West Sussex Record Office) .
- Any disturbance on the ground would damage the roots of two ancient ash trees and a maple which have TPOs. Several experts have confirmed that they *are* healthy.
- If a specialist care home is built, like any comparable establishment, it will involve a large number of extra vehicles some of which may park around our houses in Silver Birch Drive. For example, they might be diggers, pipe layers, builders, plumbers, electricians, plasterers, decorators, glaziers, nursing staff in shifts which overlap, office staff, nurses, doctors, daily refuse lorries, daily food deliveries, medical supplies, entertainers, cleaners, hairdressers, visitors, physiotherapists, ambulances etc.
- Our community cannot support such an intrusion.
- Bats and an owl occupy this area and in support of global calming it is necessary to preserve as much countryside as possible.
- The site is a flood plain and flooding further than the field is currently protected by ditches each side of the footpath.

I suggest a more sensible entrance be made from perhaps the little bit of Worms Lane, which could involve improvement at Comet Corner which everyone who uses it is crying out for!

Councillors, please come and look at this site if you do not know it, before committing to any kind of development, remembering that a housing plan has already been abandoned for many of the reasons I have stated.

Yours sincerely

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