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From: Louise Alger [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 October 2019 20:21
To: Neil Crowther
Cc: Anita Gardner
Subject: Objection to Planning Application M/80/19/PL

Dear Mr Crowther,

Addendum to my objection letter delivered by hand to Arun District Council on October 22 nd by hand.

I would like to add some further comments to my very strong objection to the above planning application.

A site visit is absolutely essential by the voting councillors in order to make a fully informed decision. Frontier Estates have clearly spent thousands of pounds on 'reports by various consultancy agents' because they have the resources to do so, but I think there is absolutely no substitute for those who are making the decision to come and have a look with their own eyes, and view the road layout and situation of this difficult site.

It is well into autumn of course and the leaves are rapidly falling from the trees which is why I included within my objection a picture of the proposed access site with the trees in full bloom in May 2019. It is a great shame that pictures posted are in black and white because I have spoken to many tree experts over the years and the true health of trees cannot be determined in the winter. The green leaves being a indication of good health which can only be fully determined in spring of course. Having lived in my house for over 15 years I can confirm that the two protected ash trees are late flowering and do not come out in their full glory until the end of May, as shown in my picture sent earlier this week to your offices. You will notice from the plans I sent in this week that the canopies of the protected trees meet in the middle so any road access is a problem as it would be compacting the protected tree roots. There is no viable access through this route.

Previous planning granted using this same access was incorrect when voting councillors were told that "protected trees are on site but none affected" and no site visit was ever done.

If a site visit is arranged then clearly the trees in question will not look their best without leaves in the winter, but I still maintain that for lots of other reasons also a site visit is absolutely essential! The road layout by frontier Estates is very misleading and shows a clear route through to the proposed building site when this is definitely not the case!

I would also like to question why no planning application has been formerly submitted to remove any branches from these protected trees at this planning application stage as no vehicles could pass without that happening? It is unfair to suggest in the plans that the road could be built without damage or more likely destroying the protected trees. This in fact is a totally unsuitable access for many other reasons also.

I would also like to formerly put on record that the protected ash trees were trimmed On 27 th August 2019 by a small amount, but the fact is they were touched and trimmed without permission is a criminal offence. This action was witnessed by a few of my neighbours also. I did call the compliance department at Arun District Council at the time who did a site visit. I have plenty of pictures of the van and company involved with this and the public footpath and overhanging branches before and after they were chopped.

Throughout this planning process several of my neighbours have reported not having their letters of objection logged on the planning portal. Several of my immediate neighbours have resent their letters this week to you having originally sent them to the planning department over three weeks ago at the beginning of October. Clearly we have no way of knowing everyone who sent letters in three weeks ago to ask them to resend. I'm sure there would be quite a few. I have asked all my immediate neighbours to resend as I have been tracking the letters and had not seen them on the planning portal.

Even my own husbands objection letter is not online yet sent three days ago, and I have just spoken to someone at my daughters school who has not seen a letter sent in earlier the week.

I would therefore be extremely grateful if you could ensure that everyone in the planning department checks all their email in boxes and trays for any letters which may have been mislaid. Please understand and appreciate also that this is a complicated process not always fully understood by members of the public, many of whom may never have put in an objection previously.

Just to summarise my main points-

1. A site visit is essential by all voting councillors.
2. Please ensure that ALL the correspondence relating to this planning objection is put correctly and promptly on the planning portal .

Yours sincerely

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Sent from my iPad