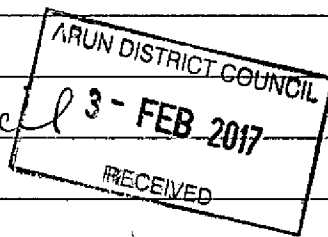


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* Re. Planning Applications ref.
P/134/16/OUT & ref. P/140/16/OUT

Dear Sir,

I write requesting your Dept. give refusal to the planning applications sited above.

Both sites outlined are totally unsuited for development and an increase of population in a small rural area is unsustainable. A total of 650 properties will presumably house more than one occupant & if only two people per dwelling would be an increase of in excess of 1000 people. In stating the obvious unless we are to become another "Benefits in Sea" (Chanel & prop. re Jaywick / Essex) people will req. employment already in scant supply with the exception of seasonal, mostly part-time employment & mostly modestly paid. The massive increase in population will heavily increase demands in medical services already groaning under weight of population - and that to hospitals. St. Richards is already stretched, we then have education & whilst a new primary school is proposed by the developers they should be reminded primary school age children

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grow up requiring transport to schools further afield thus creating yet another demand. The area is poorly served with public transport especially at weekends unless residents are happy to return home by 6.30pm on Sundays. The reasons for refusal are manifold. Summer Lane being narrow, prone to flooding, close proximity to a sewage farm with the entry/exit into the village of Kye timber already housing several age restrictive houses, creating its own future demands for services.

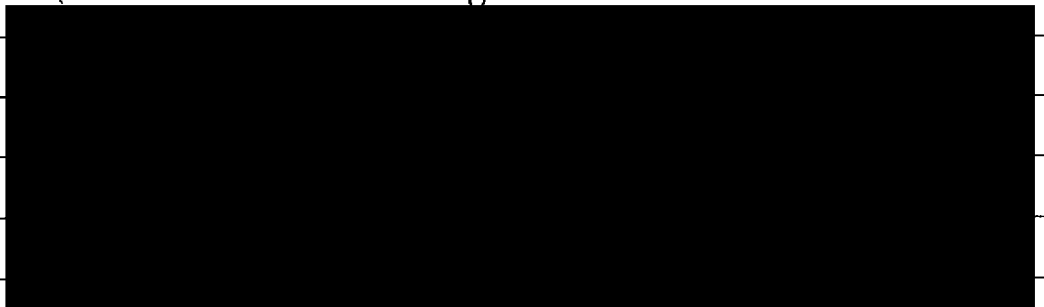
It may assist your depts. decision if the many adversely affected by the two applications were to consider their position under article 8 of the Human Rights Act 1998 which I understand states a person has rights to Peaceful Enjoyment of all their possessions including homes & other land also the proposed new estates would create a detrimental effect in the life of others. There is an obscure provision under a 1971 Town & Country Planning Act which I understand should not be overlooked namely the desirability of preserving the character and appearance of an area.

This request for your departments refusal to grant the applications is not based on people losing an attractive view over fields etc. it is based solely on facts namely lack of employment, lack of services, lack of transport, no decision yet agreed as the outcome of A27, the threat to residents Health & Safety, lack of infrastructure capable of supporting the strains of such developments & sadly now lack of Beaches to enjoy in leisure time.

It is appreciated Councils have to make difficult decisions especially relating to planning applications but if granting totally unsustainable applications such as these at the stroke of a pen an area is lost forever under a welter of concrete & the lives of those relying on their Councils wisdom, experience & Duty of Care will also be shredded.

I do hope my request to refuse the applications plus the reasons outlined will assist your dept. decision to not grant the applications.

Thank you for your attention & my apologies for the length of this letter.



J. R. POOTH.

I would add a situation seemingly overlooked is the increase in population when caravan sites re-open following their winter closure with many owners, frequently retired choose to live in their caravans / chalets for the entire season thus requiring medical services etc, and again adding pressure to a fragile area.

