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Your Ref: OWPC22927
Our Ref: P/30/19/OUT 26-03-2019
Please ask for:
Mr D Easton

13th May 2019

Dear Sir/Madam

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Town & country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 5

Outline application with some matters reserved for the construction of up to 300 No. new homes, a care home of up to 80 beds, D1 uses of up to 4,000 sqm including a 2 form entry primary school, the formation of new means of access onto Hook Lane & Pagham Road, new pedestrian & cycle links, laying out of open space, new strategic landscaping, habitat creation, drainage features & associated ground works & infrastructure. This application may affect the setting of a listed building (resubmission following P/6/17/OUT).

Land north of Hook Lane Pagham

Thank you for your internet representation made on 11th May 2019 which has been recorded as **'an objection'** with the comments as follows:

Dear Arun District Council,

I am writing to you with regards to the reproposal of the development intended for the Hook Lane site in Pagham. Even considering the idea of these 350+ houses is preposterous: the roads will not be able to cope with the extra traffic, there is no room at the local schools for the hundreds of extra children and, to add to this, the surrounding wildlife will suffer dramatically.

Less than a mile away from this site is the beautiful Pagham Nature Reserve, home to many of the South Coast's rare wildlife such as Brent Geese. There have been many sightings of these on the Hook Lane site - which happens to be opposite my home - using this land in large flocks. As well as the geese, we have bats who habitat in our garden; creatures who will certainly feel the effects of this massive development. Our children love to watch them as they soar around the sky on a summer's evening, how sad that their view will be replaced with concrete buildings.

Not only that, but our roads will become a fair more hazardous place for our children. With many accidents already occurring on the road from Chichester to Pagham, there will only be more with the hundreds of extra vehicles these houses will bring.

As I have already mentioned, the schools - and the doctors' surgery - will not be able to cope with the influx of new pupils and patients. Being a teacher at one of the local schools, I speak first hand when I say that schools do not have the means - physically and financially - to accommodate many more pupils. With there being a similar situation at the doctors' surgery, where many patients have to queue early in the morning just to get a same-day appointment.

Finally, we live in an area which has a strong community spirit. In this day-and-age where people are feeling less and less connected to society and isolation and loneliness is at an all-time high, the feeling of belonging to a community should be nurtured. Our community will be lost if you turn our village into a town! Please do not let this happen to us.

Yours sincerely,

Lucy Roots

Unfortunately it is not possible for the council to respond to each representation individually but your views will be considered before the application is determined and I shall write to inform you of any decision made.

If the application is to be determined at the Development Control Committee and your letter has been received after the agenda has been published, you will not receive a separate letter notifying you of the date of the meeting and the procedures for public speaking. In such circumstances, it is recommended that you track the progress of the application on the website or telephone for further information. Please be advised that any comments received after the the Development Control Agenda has been produced will be reported to the meeting. Please also note that only a small number of all planning applications are determined at the Development Control Committee, most are determined by officers under delegated power.

All representations are published on our website so please make sure your views are clear and only include information that you are happy for the public to view. Do not include personal information or information from third parties unless you have their permission to do so. If a complaint is received that permission has not been given for comments included about a third party, the Council reserves the right to redact/remove all relevant information. Do not include information that is defamatory or breaches equality or other legislation. If you do not wish your comments to appear on the website and on the file, please confirm this in writing and I will arrange for it to be destroyed, although this does mean that its contents will be disregarded. For details of what we do with your personal information please refer to our privacy statement comments on planning applications which is available on our website www.arun.gov.uk/planning-privacy-statements.

In the event of a subsequent written representations appeal, against a refusal of planning permission on a householder application, any representations made on the application will be automatically forwarded to the Secretary of State. Unlike all other types of appeal, there will be no further opportunity to comment at the appeal stage.

Yours faithfully

Neil Crowther
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