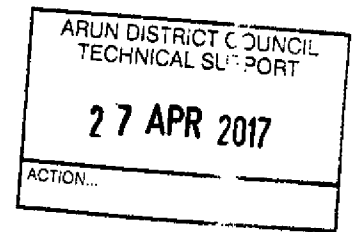


Mr R.Burrows, 138 Rose Green Road, Bognor Regis, West Sussex PO213EF

April 25th 2017



To: Assistant Director of Planning and Economic Regeneration, Arun District Council

Re: Application Number P/ 6/17/OUT

Dear Sir,

With reference to the proposed development in Hook Lane, Pagham, I would like to register my objections.

I have lived in Rose Green Road since 1987, and have worked as a driver for the local Hospice for 10 years, making me extremely familiar with the traffic flow and conditions in the Bognor/Chichester area. When starting work at Chichester at 9am it is now necessary to allow up to an hour to get to work on time. Most of the journey is in first gear and the fuel wasted, plus the pollution caused by all this traffic is surely a huge cause for concern. All of the proposed dwellings in this development will probably house at least one person of working age, and as there are very few jobs available within the Bognor area all these people will have to travel out of town to find employment. I foresee a complete gridlock occurring in the near future if the proposed houses are built. As a guide, when I leave my house I am generally down to first gear around the Sefton farm entrance and certainly by the time I get to the Royal Oak pub when using the Pagham Road route to Chichester in the mornings.

I understand that the government has now scrapped plans for a Chichester by-pass. Please put any plans for developments which may house commuters on hold until a by-pass is built, and the lower road between Bognor and Chichester is widened.

I am a patient at the Rose Green Surgery, and it is nigh impossible to make a doctor's appointment by telephone. You have to wait outside the surgery as it opens to stand any chance of seeing a doctor that day. This practice obviously has too many registered patients, and I hear the same about other local surgeries. Can you ensure that the new residents are all healthy enough not to require the services of a doctor?

Like many other houses locally our home suffered a degree of flooding in recent years, the water coming up to within 2 cm of the damp-proof course. Is it a good idea to build more houses in an area prone to flooding?

Others will tell you about the substructure of the local soil, and it's unsuitability for building upon. Surely it is no coincidence that all the local houses which surround this development are either bungalows, or chalet bungalows?

I understand that there is a certain pressure put upon you by Central Government to build more houses. I would ask you to question whether:

- a) There will still be a need for so many more houses if, post Brexit, immigration declines. It is important to note here that the indigenous population of this country has actually declined over the past few decades.
- b) Regardless of the future population level, the sources from which we obtain our foodstuffs may not be reliable in the future, particularly post Brexit. Is it really a good idea to build housing containing consumers, on grade A farm land which, due to the Chichester Basin Microclimate, is currently producing one of the highest yields per acre in the country? Surely we need to maintain this output in order to make us independent of foreign producers who may very well need their produce for their own populations in the future?

In my job I have conversed, over the years, with literally thousands of local people. The subject of local development has been the single most talked-about, and I have yet to meet a single person who is in favour of these developments. Surely public opinion should hold greater sway within a democracy?

Yours faithfully,

Richard Burrows

Mrs. Belinda Burrows, 138 Rose Green Road, Bognor Regis, West Sussex PO213EF

March 25th 2017

To: Assistant Director of Planning and Economic Regeneration, Arun District Council

Re: Application Number P/ 6/17/OUT

Dear Sir,

I would like to register my objections to the proposed development in Hook Lane, Pagham.

I have lived in Rose Green Road since 1987, and have brought up three children during that time. The lovely Rose Green Junior School has coped admirably with the demands upon it over the years but is by all accounts, through a lack of development space, becoming swamped by an excess of demand. It would definitely not be able to cope with a further intake of possibly hundreds of new children.

Trying to get a doctor's appointment at the Grove House Surgery is already very difficult. The only way is to turn up on their doorstep at opening time in the morning and wait, with sometimes dozens of other persons, in the hope of getting seen that day. This is grossly inconvenient, especially for mothers with young children or for elderly people.

Over the years the road to Chichester, access to which is made by driving past my house for most Bognor residents, has seen a massive increase in traffic flow. Driving to Chichester between 8am and 9am and back between 5pm and 6pm has become a laborious and time-consuming affair, undertaken for the most part in first gear. As Bognor has no major employers I presume the residents of all the proposed houses will be seeking employment out of town. Every road out of Bognor now struggles with the weight of traffic at peak times and it surely makes no sense to introduce a higher local population until these roads are improved. The lower road to Chichester particularly simply must be widened and straightened before it is forced to carry more traffic; the recent trend of more cyclists, added to the increase in HGV vehicles has now made this road extremely dangerous. You would be putting lives at risk by allowing more commuters onto this road. I understand that the government has cancelled plans for a Chichester by-pass. Would you please put any plans for building housing for commuters on hold until a by-pass is built?

The flooding which has plagued the area for the last few years was very nearly disastrous for me. On investigating an unpleasant smell from the bathroom we discovered that the water was virtually up to damp proof course level. I am worried that more houses built around my house will see me as one of the flood victims that we all bore witness to, especially as wetter weather is forecast due to climate change.

I have been reading information regarding the substructure of the local soil, and its' inherent unsuitability for supporting heavy buildings. Given the problems of introducing working families into the area, wouldn't it be more prudent to consider a development of retirement bungalows rather than larger houses?

Given the increase in the world population I feel strongly that this country should become self-sufficient in food. The Bognor Regis area enjoys a micro climate which means we enjoy more sunshine and less severe weather than other parts of the country. The grade A soil on the local farms is currently producing one of the highest yields per acre in the country, and it makes no sense to me that we should build housing on this valuable land. Surely we have to consider future generations when we make lasting changes to our environment?

I can find no local support whatsoever within the local populace for this and the other proposed developments. I understand the "not in my back yard" attitude which is common in these circumstances, but on this occasion it is obvious to us all that this is not a suitable area for such schemes, and I strongly urge you to REJECT THIS APPLICATION.

Yours faithfully,

Belinda Burrows.