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Development Control
Arun District Council
The Arun Civic Centre
Maltravers Road
Littlehampton BN17 5LF

21 May 2017

Ref: Application R/91/17/PL
The Spires, Springfield Close

Dear Sir/Madam

I refer to the above Planning Application and have the following comments.

Proposed Construction Traffic Access from Cross Road

I should like to object strongly to the proposed use of what is described as "the existing vehicular access" from Cross Road as the primary access route for the construction of Plot 2. This unmade track is narrow, disused and overgrown and accommodating construction traffic would require large scale removal of trees and vegetation which would not otherwise be necessary. It also appears entirely impracticable for heavy construction vehicles.

I am also unclear as to the legal status of the proposed access route from Cross Road. During the consultation process for a previous planning application on this site (Planning Application R/165/15/PL (September 2015)) Mrs. Amanda Adams, Chair of the Willowhayne Residents Association, stated (in her letter received by the Council on 30 September 2015) that "There is no vehicular access to the site from Cross Road. The grass verge which would have to be crossed is not owned by The Spires, Springfield Close, there is no permission for access to the site via Cross Road." This important issue needs to be clarified.

Furthermore, Cross Road itself is already subject to disproportionately heavy use by construction traffic and other large vehicles which use it as a cut-through between Angmering Lane and the streets surrounding Jervis Avenue to the west which lie outside the Willowhayne Estate.

I believe that, in order to minimise environmental damage and limit traffic disruption, access for all construction traffic to the proposed site at The Spires should be directed through the existing entrance to the property on Springfield Close.

Environmental Issues

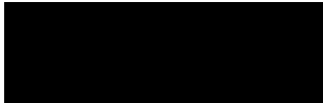
I note that the Application proposes to retain and protect as many of the mature trees currently on the site as is practicable and welcome this approach. As you know from previous correspondence, other residents and I believe that the trees on the site (some of which are already protected by Tree

Preservation Orders) contribute greatly to the wooded appearance and character of the whole area and have great visual and environmental amenity value for all of the neighbouring houses. While the current plan covers this issue sympathetically, I would wish to ensure that any amendments made following planning approval or during construction do not result in significant ad hoc changes to tree management and environmental destruction such as occurred during the construction phase of the recent development of 7 Cross Road.

I should be grateful if you would take my concerns into consideration when deciding this application.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

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Andrew H Duncan