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Dear Sir/Madam,

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015

Application No: WA/18/26/PL
Site Address: Land off Arundel Road Fontwell
Description of works: Erection of 64 residential dwellings with access off Arundel Road, together with associated parking, open space, play space, landscaping, drainage and infrastructure. This application is a Departure from the Development Plan, affects a Public Right of Way, may affect the setting of listed buildings and is in CIL Zone 3 and is CIL Liable as new dwellings.

Thank you for your internet representation made on 4th April 2026 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

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My mother has lived at the Fontwell end of West Walberton Lane for a number of years. She has had a hazel dormouse in her garden recently and they are a protected species. We did report it to Sussex Wildlife Trust and the PTES. Have checks been made to see if there is any evidence of dormice in the hedgerows surrounding the field and if not yet, when might you be doing this?

There has already been a massive development of mixed housing and a shop in Fontwell and then a smaller development of bungalows in close proximity to this proposed development. The bungalows have been complete for several months but it appears that only one has been sold at the time of writing. Do we really need yet another development in this small area? The fields are very important to have as refuges for wildlife such as the dormouse, owls, voles, mice, butterflies, moths, deer and countless other creatures and plants. My mother's garden often has deer visiting and this feels is one of the few ways left for the deer to move around the area relatively undisturbed. Has the impact on wildlife been taken into consideration?

Another development will undoubtedly put a strain on the infrastructure such as drains and sewerage, not to mention the number of vehicles which would then need to use the roads and lanes. It is already difficult to enter the Fontwell roundabout from Fontwell as it is, but with another 64 vehicles at the very least it will make it even harder.

I urge you to reconsider developing this field in what used to be a lovely rural area, in order to preserve what is left of what we used to have.

Thankyou.

Your views as made above will be considered before the application is determined.

Please be aware that Planning Services operate an 'open file' policy and will publish your comments including your name and address on the website. The website is updated once a day in the evening so it may take up to 24 hours for it appear on there. Please make sure that you have only provided information that you are happy will be published in this way. If you have supplied information belonging to a third party, you must make sure you have their permission to do so. If you do not wish your comments to appear on the website or on the file you will need to confirm this by emailing to planning@arun.gov.uk and I will arrange for it to be destroyed although this means that the content will then be disregarded.

The majority of applications are determined under delegated powers by officers. Further information on the decision making process can be found on the website at :<https://www.arun.gov.uk/what-happens-next>.

Some applications will be determined by the Planning Committee, and I shall write and inform you of the date of the meeting and the procedures for public speaking if this is the case. However, if your representation has been received after the agenda for the meeting has been finalised and the notifications have been generated, you will not receive notification. In this case, you will need to track the progress of the application on the council's website <https://www.arun.gov.uk/planning-application-search>

Any comments that are received after the agenda has been finalised will be separately reported to the members of the Planning Committee.

Regardless of how the application is determined I will notify you of the decision.

Yours sincerely



Neil Crowther
Group Head of Planning

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