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Your Ref: OWPC23703
Our Ref: WA/48/19/RES 28-05-2019
Please ask for:
Raymond Cole

18th July 2019

Dear Sir/Madam

The Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

Town & country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 6

Approval for Reserved Matters following outline permission WA/22/15/OUT comprising 400 new homes (incl. affordable), 360sqm of retail space (A1 to A3), 152sqm of community space (D1 to D2 & including retention & refurbishment of 12sqm 'old smithy'), demolition of remaining buildings to Arundel Road along with public open space, LEAP, MUGA, allotments, car & cycle parking, drainage & associated works - This site also lies within the parish of Barnham & Eastergate

Land to the East of Fontwell Avenue Fontwell Avenue Fontwell

Thank you for your internet representation made on 17th July 2019 which has been recorded as **'an objection'** with the comments as follows:

There has been absolutely no compromise from the developers to better suit the proposed development in terms of scale, environmental consideration or even facilities. For instance, the villagers who have communicated their opinions, are unanimous is not wanting a MUGA which are a form of urban facility that always result in horrendous noise levels which I have personal experience of at other locations. We also do not want condensed urbanised housing, built to poor standards, which is a more commonplace issue than many authorities like to acknowledge.

Although not within the South Downs National Park, there seems to have been little understanding of the ecological principles of wildlife behaviour, feeding habits or ambulation. Over the years, we have seen a gradual increase (or more accurately, a return) of both rare and common species including Pipistrelle and Barbastelle bats, stag beetle, voles, deer and foxes which have in turn kept rabbit populations down, slowing the spread of myxomatosis. One thing which has helped is the darkening of our streets through the dark skies policy; fewer street lamps and conversion to LED. A development of this scale would not only undo, but exacerbate the light pollution in the area. Removal of certain hedgerows in this plan would also be going against ENV SP, adopted in the Arun Local Plan.

Aside from material planning matters, the section on the plans labelled "wildflower meadow" is an insult. We currently have wildflower meadow land and it would certainly be eradicated to be replaced by sterile grass, orchard or worse, sports facilities, which our community does not want.

Similarly, the so called "employment area" or factory in less disguised parlance is utterly unacceptable given the semi rural setting and more importantly, neighbouring borehole, which has been almost disregarded as a potential environmental calamity.

The recently installed cycle path for example has angered the community as it proved that the authorities did not consider residents opinions anywhere near enough and as a result, we have a cycle path which leads to a part of the South Downs where bicycles are prohibited and which nobody uses. Every day, we see the occasional cyclist and even they are using the roadside, not the path. This vast amount of money could have been far better spent. Most current residents are incomers themselves and so for them to be objecting so very fiercely, must surely give cause to heed.

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

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