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At first impression, this plan appears far too dense and cramped

Removal of hedgerows and the parish boundary hedgerow goes against policies within ENV SP1, 17-1 to 17-1-3 adopted in the ALP 2018. These natural corridors need to be retained as vital irreplaceable habitat and cannot be replicated. Mitigation does not work and takes decades to restore, if at all

The planned cycle route does rather intrude into what could be a valuable area of conservation. And could replace that which now will be lost to housing and concrete, and which local residents have all agreed would rather see and appreciate. It poses an amazing opportunity to create wild plant meadowland and all its biodiversity, to compensate that which is the dwindling 3% that is now left of this vitally important disappearing and rare habitat. Why not put this green area to a more sustainable use rather than yet more urbanization.?

The cycle path to nowhere, runs straight into the horrendous A29 raceway and does not seem to connect with other underused cycle routes. The costs could be better utilized! All agree, it's an ease of access into the rear of properties and could be a security issue, an opportunity for anti social activities.

This plan is all about housing and sporty activities, (MUGA etc) there seems little regard to the extreme loss of amenity, outlook and landscape for the local villagers nearby, whose lives are effected directly by this scheme. While concessions to the local residents and their comments and views on this project, have been few during the planning process. Persons who don't even reside here have been given say over that which others are to live with, this is unfair and unjust.

In the light of the governments realisation that environmental pollution is now at high levels. Has this scheme taken account of the 400 domestic gas appliances that will pollute the settlement to the north of this site, and who knows what emitted from the factory, A potential 1600 tons of CO2 p/a is to be dumped on the relatively clean air in our parish every year, carried on the prevailing SW & W wind . The constant pollution from the nearby A29 and A27 adding significantly to this cocktail of health debilitating pollution.

The dark skies policy QE DM2, 21-4-1 to 21-4-3 is presumably to be upheld here for the vital benefit of a rich natural ecology and the benefit of everyones health which is seriously affected by artificial light pollution and is recognised as such by every agency, including Natural England. How will this policy be enacted?

Is Arun going to declare a climate emergency and reduce the housing numbers on this site. So far, 182 local authorities have declared in the UK, 749 globally. As parliament has debated this issue and has voted for the UK to be the first in the world to declare a climate & environmental emergency, and as has been the case over in Chichester, Could Arun not follow suit and avoid the stigma of isolation?

The Environment Agency has pointed out significant failings in their objection to this site see email August 2015 ref HA/2015/117046/02-L01. Being completely within the SPZ1 water catchment area. Developers do not offer, honest solutions to the fears that we all have over the contamination of our pristine water supply. Which serves nearly 84000 homes including Bognor Regis.

The 2013/14 flooding event illustrated how vulnerable the borehole at Fontwell would be, risking everyone's health. Any SUDs solution to ground water ingress would have to be extremely imaginative, given the sensitivity of this site, as the EA has described.

The developers seem to have downplayed the sensitive nature of this site to pollution, be it contamination or a future sewerage spillage.