

**Bramble Barn and
Bramble Annex
Binsted
West Sussex
BN18 0LQ**

9th October 2016

Dear Mr Easton,

Planning Application WA/63/16/PL – Fairmead Farm Binsted Lane Arundel BN18 0LQ

It has come to my attention that an application has been received from Rural Associates acting on behalf of Mrs D Osborne of Blackmill Cottage, Blackmill Lane, Norton, Chichester PO18 0JU.

I would like to object strongly to the planning application for a number of reasons which I will detail below: -

1) Traffic Safety

- a. Binsted lane is narrow, and at times difficult to pass oncoming cars let alone HGV's
- b. There are a number of blind bends that are hard enough to navigate cars around let alone HGV's – I have on several occasions had to break suddenly in front of HGV's met on blind bends going to Marsh Farm. There is no place to pass and makes ingress / egress from the village extremely dangerous, even in summer months.
- c. There is scant regard to speed which I have no doubt will lead to a serious collision in due course with the current HGV traffic to Marsh Farm let alone further along Binsted Lane.
- d. Increasing the traffic to the proposed 6-8 vehicle movements per day would in my view pose significant risk to local vehicle ingress / egress through the village.
- e. I run a haulage business (in London) so I am fully versed in the impact that this could have locally on our village

2) Bramble Barn Annex

- a. The location of the Annex at Bramble barn is 1.5m from the tarmac road
- b. The annex is occupied by my Son who resides there
- c. My son, although leading an independent life, has severe anxiety issues and needs full time support which my partner and I give to him on a daily basis
- d. He receives medical treatment for this condition
- e. I believe that HGV's passing this close to the structure will have a significant effect on the quality of his quality of life but also the structure of the building
- f. I actually believe that this is the closest vehicles can come to an occupied property on Binsted Lane and for us this is a major issue when faced with the prospect of HGV movement directly past the property.

3) Binsted the local community

- a. Binsted thrives on the closeness of the local community, many of which have been resident for generations in the village
- b. I understand that the applicants are not locals to Binsted (although the other established businesses within the village do contribute locally in many other ways) we cannot see the plans for Fairmead Farm (which is not run by locals) having anything to do with the local economy or community which gives me cause for concern

4) Rural positioning

- a. Binsted is part of the South Downs National Park (as already documented by a number of objectors to the plan)
- b. A significant number of local village residents, friends and family use the lanes daily to walk dogs, ride horses and take solace from the beautiful, quiet, Sussex countryside that makes up the village
- c. This swells at the weekend drawing in individuals who come to admire the scenery and wildlife.
- d. Bramble Barn does provide habitation to Barn Owls who have nested here for the last 6 years and on average rear 2 clutches of chicks each season.
- e. It has to be noted that as they are afforded special protection under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) that they have as much legal protection as any wild bird can have in Britain.
- f. Nesting Barn Owls are protected against disturbance
- g. In my view daily HGV traffic (at this end of Binsted Lane) would constitute as "disturbance" being so close to the nest site
- h. On the basis that the parents fly out over Binsted Lane to the field opposite the barn to feed, the additional HGV traffic could pose a threat (and disturbance) to the nest and young and we would require an impact assessment to be undertaken

In closing I believe the plan to establish what appears to me to be an industrial business on the site of Fairmead Farm to be totally unsuitable and would significantly impact the local community and wildlife.

I would urge the planning committee to reject the plans based on the above objections and the objections already submitted by local residents.

Yours Sincerely

Howard G Becker