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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/63/21/PL
Site Address: Land East of Tye Lane Walberton BN18 0LU
Description of works: Proposed alternative vehicular accesses off Tye Lane and emergency access off Avisford Park Road, along with minor highway works following WA/95/18/RES (resubmission following WA/93/20/PL). This site is CIL Zone 2 (Zero Rated) as other development.

Thank you for your internet representation made on 18th July 2021 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

OWPC38424

Emergency access off Avisford Park Road:

We reiterate that Avisford Park Road is an unsuitable and unsafe choice for this proposed emergency access. It is a public footpath, regularly used by dog walkers and parents walking small children to school. It is an unadopted no-through road maintained by residents at their own cost - its surface is fragile and pot-holed. Consequently, vehicles respect a 10mph speed limit and the council's refuse vehicles reverse down the road in order to drive slowly out. It is wide enough only for a single vehicle, and two vehicles cannot pass each other. It is frequently blocked by parked cars and delivery vehicles, and used for community street events. It could not be a more inappropriate proposal.

The single bollard at each end of the proposed emergency access is insufficient to prevent its use by vehicles such as motor cycles tempted by an obvious short cut onto Yapton Lane, putting the safety of pedestrians using the public footpath on Avisford Park Road at very high risk, particularly where the proposed emergency access meets the existing public footpath. With a proposed access width of 3.5 metres, it is possible that cars may also attempt unauthorised use as a short cut to and from the Avisford Grange development. This constitutes a material change to the original proposal and will adversely affect the character of this quiet, residential no-through road. An L-chicane should be installed at each end to ensure the safety of all users: this, of course, is incompatible with its use by emergency vehicles.

Any widening of the already approved path in order to facilitate use by emergency vehicles is likely to impinge on the (already agreed and approved) public open space and may impact the roots of the three protected trees. Both factors should render the proposal unacceptable.

Any additional lighting at the junction of the proposed emergency access with Avisford Park Road should be in accordance with Walberton Neighbourhood Plan Policy VE 8 'Unlit village' status.

Removal of established and existing hedgerow to accommodate access from Avisford Park Road would destroy wildlife habitat and nesting sites for birds as well as natural screening of the new development from Avisford Park Road. This is a material change from the approved application, with the existing estate fencing to be replaced with 'like for like'.

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

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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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