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Your Ref: OWPC23617
Our Ref: Y/103/18/PL 24-12-2018
Please ask for:
Mr S Davis

8th July 2019

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Single Chapel Crematorium with car parking, landscape works, surface water drainage features & associated highway improvements. This application is a Departure from the Development Plan.

10 Acre Field North of Grevatts Lane Yapton

Thank you for your internet representation made on 5th July 2019 which has been recorded as **'an objection'** with the comments as follows:

As the applicant and the agent have submitted documents very late and well after the expiry date for such submissions, notably a 57 page document on 24th June, I reply with the following points:

Objection to Y/103/18/PL Planning application for Crematorium

The points raised here refer to the Revised Transport Statement App D -J submitted on 24th June 2019

- 1. The Road Safety Audit makes no reference to cyclists or their status at the junction with the proposed Crematorium entrance.*
- 2. Page 12 para 1.1.2 lays out the mechanism for vehicles turning left and right into the proposed crematorium but makes no reference to cyclists using the shared path going straight ahead, either eastwards or westwards. The inevitable conflict with cyclists, pedestrians, invalid carriages going straight ahead on the highway -the shared path is part of the highway - is not raised in the audit once. Indeed, the shared path is not treated as part of the highway.*
- 3. Para 1.1.6. states that 'the report has been prepared in accordance with the Design for Roads and Bridges (DMRB) GG119. No consideration has been given to the guidelines for construction of cycle paths and now official WSCC policy.*
- 4. Page 15 Para 3.1 states that no issues of road safety have been raised. I.e. sustainable transport e.g. cycling has not been considered as an issue of road safety.*
- 5. Page 21 of the same document Para 1.1.1 states that the 'access to the A259 is currently informally closed by a gate.' I have looked in both WSCC and Arun documents and can find no validity for this closure. I assume therefore that the closure was done 'on the nod'. That is no way for road closures, or, as in this case, road openings to be carried out. The newly constructed shared path was completed in good faith that the integrity of the path and the safety of its users was secured.*
- 6. Para 1.1.8. indicates that the site visit occurred at 10.30 on 2nd February 2019. The Met Office summary states that following sleet, snow and hail showers on Feb 1st, 'it was mainly cold and sunny on 2nd.' Naturally traffic was light and cycle movements infrequent in these circumstances. The site visit was not representative of weather favouring cycling.*
- 7. Para 1.1.9 points out that any recommendations in the report do not absolve the Designer (and presumably the Applicant) from his / her responsibilities. So, how is the Applicant going to a) ensure the safety of users of the shared path, including children going to and from school, and b) recognize the priority of the path users going straight ahead, either eastwards or westwards?*
- 8. On pages 29 and 30 the two dates quoted for the cycling / pedestrian survey are*

Sunday Feb 10th and Tuesday Feb 5th. The Met Office report for these days indicates weather conditions that are hostile for cycling, rain, the aftermath of Storm Erik. Thus the figures are spurious as indications of cycle path usage. February 10th was a Sunday, so irrelevant, unless the Applicant proposes to use the Crematorium on Sundays.

9. If this application is approved two principal issues need to be addressed at the planning stage:

- How to ensure priority for cyclists and pedestrians using the path and*
- The junction needs to be lit to ensure safety of cyclists and other users of the path as there will be hazards not clearly visible in hours of darkness.*

On May 17th the Applicant's Agent wrote : 'Given the Council are proposing to support the proposal- - .'

I find that assumption to be most concerning. The public assume that the decision is made in open forum and not behind closed doors. On what is the above quote from the Agent based?

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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