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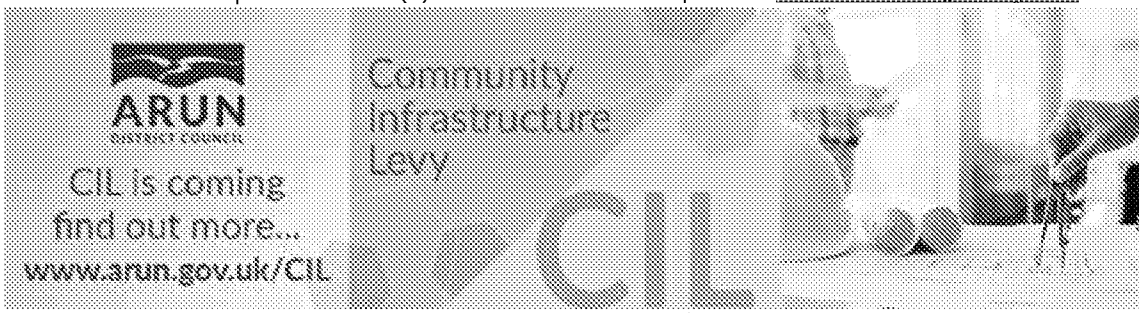

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From: Spiros Derekis [redacted]
Sent: 22 April 2020 14:51
To: Michael Eastham <Michael.Eastham@arun.gov.uk>
Subject: Planning Application Y19/20/RES

Dear Mr Eastham

I am writing to strongly object to Planning Application Y19/20/RES for 108 houses on land south of Ford Lane and east of North End Road.

Yapton is a village, not a town, and yet there have been many new housing developments, both large and small, in the past few years, with more planned. If this continues it will become a "town" but without the amenities and infrastructure a town should have. There are few shops, only one school, poor transport links and no jobs. The roads are B roads that are totally unsuitable for the volume of traffic that already exists and to increase this would be madness.

The traffic in North End Road by the school is already putting children at risk and there are long queues at the level crossing due to the installation of double barriers. During peak times the traffic is backed up at the crossing for a considerable distance in both directions and vehicles, all with their engines running, are stopped outside our house (9 East Bank, North End Road), greatly increasing air pollution for everyone in the area. North End Road is so busy at peak times that many elderly people are afraid to cross.

The pavements along North End Road are very narrow in places, with overhanging branches, brambles and stinging nettles forcing people to walk near the edge of the pavement of even in the road. It is necessary to walk into the road at the end of Ford Lane in order to see to cross and in wet weather there is always a large puddle there which people have to negotiate. I worry about the safety of parents and children using these pavements in order to go to school or shopping in the village, etc. There are also a lot of large lorries using North End Road, Lake Lane and other roads in the area that were never built for such heavy vehicles.

Planning Permission has already been granted for 150 houses on land north of St. Mary's Church, despite the first application having been refused by the Secretary of State and the High Court. How did this happen and doesn't it make a mockery of our laws? This new development will have a serious impact on the village and all who live in it and any further developments will add to this.

There is also serious flooding on Ford Lane and North End Road, which has worsened near the school since the new development there. Further building on our fields will increase the flooding when rain water is unable to drain into the ground and finds its way onto the roads, meaning drivers may not be able to safely negotiate the water due to its depth.

I would like to place on record the fact that I believe there will be an accident as a result of any new development, both during the construction stage and after, because of the increased traffic and dangerous access points to and from the sites.

May I respectfully suggest that these points are given serious consideration?

Yours sincerely

Theresa Derekis (Mrs)