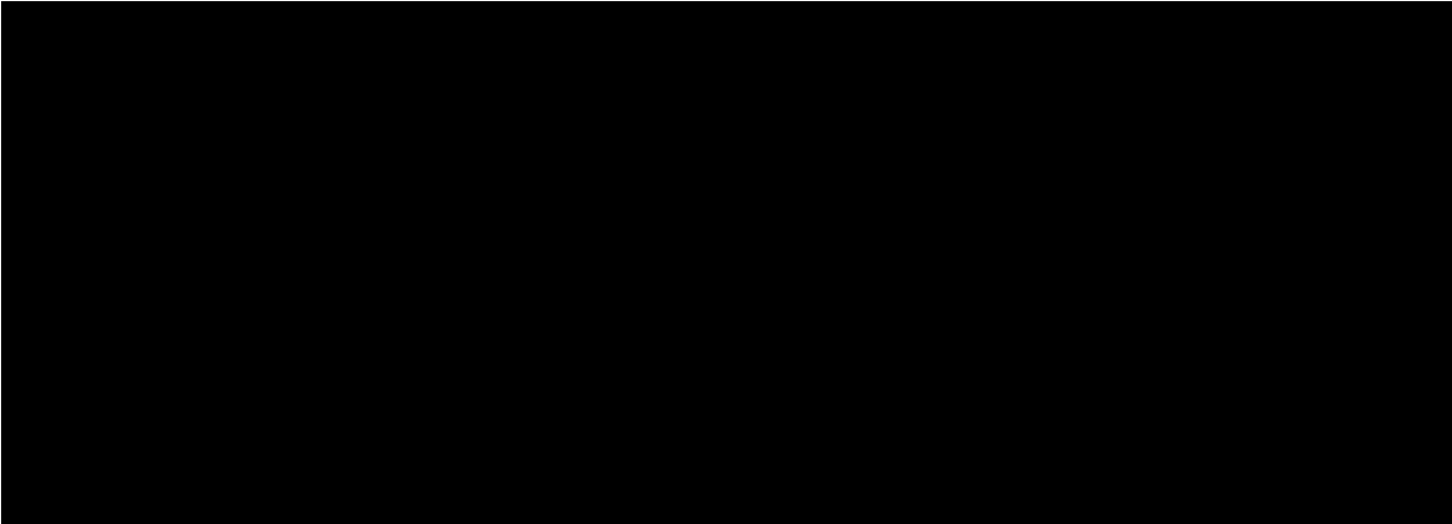




From: nick adames [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 May 2018 08:53
To: Planning
Subject: Fw: preserving Flansham

Sirs,
I understand Mr Davis is on holiday and has asked for this to be forwarded to your office.
I would appreciate an acknowledgement.

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From: nick adames
Sent: Thursday, May 31, 2018 8:43 AM
To: simon.davis@arun.gov.uk
Subject: preserving Flansham

Simon Davis,
Arun District Council
Littlehampton.
By email.

Dear Mr Davis,

This message might be a complete waste of time because one assumes the planning committee has already made up their mind, under direction of the powers that be.
As a resident of Flansham for almost eighty years, of a family who have spent the past 180 years living and working here on the land, doing our best for the continuing well being of the settlement over all these years, I am making one final plea for this said committee to do what is right for this old settlement. Flansham is a special place. All my lifetime it has been occupied by very strong characters who, almost without exception, have planned and done their best for the old place. In turn I have done and continue to do the same at every opportunity.
Critics could say my neighbouring farmer, the late Donald Langmead and I sold out when we promoted the Site Six development, yet how else could the area have managed to get the new Bognor Relief Road? This road is surely the best thing that has happened to the area in living memory? **When the plan was**

finally formulated all the parties agreed it would see development northwards cease at the A259.

The mistake we made was to rely on the word of the District Council.

So, what happens when money becomes king? All promises turn to worms and a greedy new resident decides to turn a lovely old property into a site for some totally unsuitable small boxes of dwellings?

This too is in a totally unsuitable site, with the only access on a very dangerous bend at the entrance to the hamlet where, already, extreme near misses happen even before any permission is granted? "So what" the council may say, "These people are just lucky to be able to live there, give them a taste of the real world" And so, unless people stand up to be counted, a small, lovely, hamlet, one of very few still surviving intact along the South Coast, will go the way of so many others. Lost forever, along with so much that it offers to residents and visitors alike. Hundreds flock here through the year, walking and peering over walls and hedges to see how England was, in its past.

This site is not the place to site such development, it would unbalance the way the hamlet has developed since the times of the Doomesday Book. This is serious history. real families, real people, surely not something to be tossed away at the whim of, with respect, outsiders with little or no perception of what they are throwing away?

Just look around and see what is being inflicted on the area by planners, planners who have miserably failed to provide a development local plan for almost the past two decades. This failure has opened opportunities for the likes of this applicant to exploit the loopholes and push a 'hodge potch' of development in other unwelcome spots such as Bonhams.

One of the constant failings of development in this area is the total neglect to provide for the inevitable increase in traffic. We hear of plans around the 'five villages' just inland, for plans for one or two thousand houses but how often has any thought gone into the road system? It reeks of complete incompetence by planners and

Councils and is destroying the area. Indeed, has there been any serious provision for improving traffic flow locally, to compare with what we here have been largely responsible for, The Bognor Relief Road (Charlie Purley Way!) between Flansham and Shripney?

So, Arun District Council should be totally ashamed of themselves. I mean totally.

I am sorry to go on so but this is a really serious situation. You have a man, with a little bit of land, which means absolutely nothing to him (apart from £££s) caring nothing about what his greed will do to a corner of this County which has survived all this time almost unspoiled. And surely we need some unspoiled corners to be preserved for generations to come?

I ask you Sir to please put this plea in front of the committee, to see if it rings any bells with enough people to make a difference. To give them the personal courage to stand up to local political pressure and say 'No, we must preserve places such as Flansham'.

In this little hamlet we have given up quite enough of our farmlands to houses and roads immediately to the South. Development which has affected the local community and cost us our local farmlands, without now giving up more land for a hugely unsuitable project of no general benefit to any but one property owner intent on wrecking this little community.

I have also posted this to you directly.

Yours Sincerely

Nicholas Adames
Chessels Farm
Flansham

