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From: Jules Rogers [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 July 2017 11:48
To: Simon Davis
Subject: RE: Application Y/40/17/OUT.

Dear Mr Davis,

I am writing to express my objections to the application Y/40/17/OUT. The proposal is to build 34 houses on the historic Bonhams site; I strongly object to the application for the following reasons:

1. Hoe Lane, Flansham, is a rare survivor of a small Sussex hamlet consisting just 50 homes; several of these houses, mostly sited within close vicinity of Bonhams, are properties which are recognised as being of historic interest and contribute to the special qualities of the area. Despite the building of Site 6 and construction of the Bognor Relief Road Flansham has managed to maintain its unique nature which is appreciated and enjoyed not only by its residents but by walkers, runners, cyclists and naturalists from the wider community. The addition of 34 houses would inevitably and irrevocably change the nature of Flansham to the detriment of those who enjoy the tranquility of this rare survivor. It is my belief that instead of being viewed as an area for potential expansion it should be looked upon as a candidate for conservation measures.
2. This application contravenes the existing policy agreed when development plans for Site 6 were approved. The Bognor Relief Road was agreed to be the northern boundary of that development plan.
3. The access to this proposed site is on a sharp bend on the narrow road close to where Hoe Lane meets the A259 roundabout.

Since the opening of the Bognor Relief Road entering and leaving Flansham has been a problem as traffic flow on the roundabout is constant and fast. I have personal experience of having had to wait on the roundabout to gain entry to Hoe Lane when an obstruction has been present at the bend in Hoe Lane. With a further 50-60 cars accessing Hoe Lane at that very point the situation will inevitably become dangerous to those who wish to enter or leave Flansham.

Pedestrians and cyclists would be at particular risk.

Should the application be approved, large vehicles would need to access the construction site with a sharp turn on the narrow bend where Hoe Lane meets the A259 roundabout, creating a dangerous situation for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians at the single access to Flansham.

3. The area on which the building is proposed is currently an area of natural drainage for surface water. The proposed development threatens further flood risk to an area in which flooding has been a significant problem in recent years.

4. Local amenities and infrastructures are already stretched to accommodate the increase in population with the building of Site 6. This proposal would add to the pressure already being placed on schools, hospitals and GP surgeries, as well as other local amenities.

I believe this proposal and application is ill-considered and mis-judged; it does not take into consideration the historic nature of the site or the large numbers of local residents, both within Flansham and in the wider populations of Felpham, Bersted, Yapton and Barnham who benefit from and enjoy the safety and tranquil character of this ancient hamlet.

I ask that my strongly felt objections, and those of others, be taken into account when this application is considered.

Yours Sincerely

Julie Rogers