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Planning application Y/40/17/OUT

Dear Sir,

This is a follow up to my earlier objections on this site.

I wish to reiterate my strong opposition to the above application with the following points. These centre around the already totally inadequate road system into the hamlet of Flansham where the proposed access to the development remains the former access, previously used by the single house of Bonhams, and its empty gardeners cottage behind. It is within fifty yards of what is already an extremely tight S bend into the hamlet and tight up to the new roundabout onto the A259 which, with a proposed doubling of houses in the hamlet, will doubtless lead to a succession of accident's both in the lane itself and on the roundabout, as cars 'back up' to enter/leave the hamlet itself at busy times. A recipe for disasters as Flansham's own farm traffic seeks to pass with big machines at busy seasons. This is after all still predominately a farming settlement, as it has been over the past centuries.

Apart from my earlier letter of objection I wish to put into writing what many say, but don't write about, which is the appallingly short sighted policy being adopted, for so long in Sussex (indeed elsewhere) by developers, supported by Council planners, of simply ignoring the need of adequate investment on new road structures, simply to support the huge number of homes now being approved.

This whole area is in danger of total gridlock unless some 'vision' is shown; vision such as has been shown in our 'own' Bognor Relief Road, built on Flanshams farmland (some may say to the cost to Flansham itself) for the benefit of the whole community, and offering a clear and popular alternative route to speed local and through traffic alike. It is surely a lesson for every planning committee member nationwide to study?

Developers themselves are simply only interested in cramming in as many units as possible with no thought of what a developed site is going to leave for the generations

who follow. This, one feels, is a complete dereliction of the duties of planning authorities, councillors and predominately Government, verging on being a total disgrace. A disgrace which risks bringing every new development area down to the lowest common denominator. Slum like perhaps?

I am old enough to be quite lucky, in that I will not have to live with these appalling developments for so long, but the younger generations will, and the whole place faces diminishing 'life style' and lowered prospects for a good living environment.

This application would at one fell swoop double the size of Flansham, ruin the pleasure of the thousands, yes, thousands, of visitors who come through our lanes here every year to get a glimpse of what England was like before *enlightened* planners and politicians set about changing it forever. Just a thought. What effect will this have on the first impression of Flansham? An attractive old flint farmhouse, crowded in by small units, or perhaps even demolished, to provide more similar units.

It is very sad and the blame will be easy to allocate; unless some clear thought is not given to the issue. Quickly.

This application is quite unsupportable and one hopes will be decided on the grounds of reason and common-sense. Unless other influences are at work behind the scenes?

Yours Faithfully,

