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To The Planning Department Arun

Reference Planning Application Y/40/17/OUT
The development of 23 dwellings at Bonhams with access from Hoe Lane.

Dear Sir / Madame

I write in opposition of this application. Although I do not live in Hoe Lane I walk my dog often in this area.

I oppose this application for the following reasons.

The development of 23 houses will bring in numerous cars and service vehicles daily entering in and out of Hoe Lane. This development will result in approximately 50 home owner cars entering and leaving Hoe Lane several times a day. There will be the daily service vehicles which will add another 20 /30 vans and larger delivery trucks accessing this road.

I can also see from the location of this development being so close to the roundabout a queue of cars waiting to turning right into Hoe Lane from this new housing estate. The location of this development being so near to the roundabout that feeds the A259 and Charles Purley Way will only allow four cars to access Hoe Lane at any one time from the new housing project. I envisage at peak times at least 30 cars queuing for long periods to leave this new development to access Hoe Lane.

With the added traffic entering and leaving Hoe Lane the essence and charm of this lane will be lost forever with this development.

I also feel if this application is permitted this will give a red flag to other properties in Hoe Lane selling their land for housing. This will result in housing developments creeping in throughout Hoe Lane.

The Blake's Mead development has changed some of the character of Hoe Lane. Fortunately the planning of this housing development has been carried out sympathetically to allow Hoe Lane to retain much of its charm.

I will not accept the mantra for the 'need of more housing' as there is plenty of large housing projects in this area and the future Pagham and Chalcroft Lane developments.

The charm of Hoe Lane will be lost for ever, like so much has in the Bognor Regis area in recent years.

I cannot imagine how concerned the late Gerard Young would have been about this development. Gerald Young was a local historian who wrote about his life, living in Meadow Cottage in Hoe lane. During his life he wrote books about Bognor Regis, Felpham and Flansham.

These 23 houses are not needed particularly in one of the areas remaining undeveloped beauty spots.

