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For the Attention of Mr S Davis
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1 Maltravers Road
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BN17 5LF

Dear Mr Davis,

PLANNING APPLICATION Y/70/20/OUT

We are writing to strongly object to the outline planning application referenced above. Our objections are listed below.

1. The proposed development is on productive farmland and taking this land to build more houses is not sustainable. At a time when globally there are predictions of shortages in grain supplies and restrictions on travel and imports it is foolhardy to willingly give up the ability to grow our own crops to provide food.
2. The area of proposed development contains a large variety of wildlife, birds, mammals, flora and fauna, once this habitat is gone this diversity will disappear and will not recover, potentially causing the extinction of some species.
3. The infrastructure within Yapton is already stretched to capacity and could not cope with the additional traffic more housing and industrial units would bring. No doubt an argument would be made that any additional traffic would utilize the A259 at Comet Corner, however this simply will not happen. Anyone who needs to use the train will travel to Barnham Station via Bilsham Road, in Yapton. Anyone wishing to travel to Chichester or Brighton and Worthing are more likely to travel through Yapton to gain access to the A27 which will avoid any traffic build up at Felpham and Littlehampton.
4. In addition the junction of Bilsham Road and the A259, Comet Cottage is a notorious accident blackspot with numerous serious injuries and fatalities being caused over the years. Within the last 2 weeks there has been yet another very serious accident at this junction, therefore it seems fairly obvious that drivers would avoid using this junction if there was an alternative route to take.

5. The hamlet of Bilsham, the site of the proposed development, is not connected to the mains drainage. All of the properties have septic tanks which require emptying on a regular basis. Any development of this size would require access to mains drainage, anything other than this would be unthinkable.
6. The inclusion of light industrial units within this planning application, with the proposed 7 day working and start and finish times will impact the lives of the local residents tremendously. They will be subjected to increased traffic and noise during times of the day when they should be able to have some respite from the hectic and stressful days most of us have.

In conclusion we feel that this development would have no benefit to the local community and would cause untold damage both in the short and long term.

Yours faithfully

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