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Mr Simon Davis
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Dear Mr Davis,

We find ourselves writing again about the development, once again proposed for land belonging to Bonhams, Flansham, although it is now described in another format.

Like so many other residents, over recent years, we have gone to great lengths to explain our reasons to objecting, in the strongest terms, to these proposals.

Our own prime reasons are fourfold.

1 However these applicants wrap up their proposal, in what format, the access/exit into the Hamlet of Flansham is extremely dangerous and inadequate, and will certainly lead to serious accidents because the sightlines are too short. I have lived in Flansham all my long life and the driveway in question, was really quite unsafe before the new roadworks were built for the A259 and its roundabout some eight or so years back.

in earlier days there was a straight lane of perhaps ninety to a hundred yards to the main road , and Bonhams owners only had one car; now with the new roundabout and the very poorly designed access in

place of the original, there is a clear run of about thirty five yards before leaving (or entering) Flansham, so you meet a very narrow bend, where two cars are already unable to pass safely.

With impatient drivers, and new traffic coming out of the proposed development, the chances of accidents are multiplied to a quite unacceptable level.

The only possible solution to this dilemma would be for a new entrance to be built into the area on the roundabout between the A259 west wards and the Flansham entrance. There is not a great deal of room but it would certainly be a lot safer than what is being proposed. Needless to say this idea has been rejected by the applicant, presumably due its higher cost. But what cost a life?

And such a new access would also keep the many new vehicles out of from the very restricted area of Flansham.

2 My second reason, oft repeated, is that Flansham is one of the last remaining 'jewels' of the South West Sussex area. It is a true Hamlet not a village, it has hardly changed at all in all my years as a resident and, from old family photos, it looks much the same as it did a hundred and fifty years ago. My family has been here twice as long as that and it has always been the aim of the old resident farming families, to ensure the place stays as it is. I doubt anyone of your committee can point to a similar settlement along the coastal strip for thirty miles, even if at all.

We simply have no services, nor want them. No shops. No Pub, No post office No buses although we do have a little postbox which, before the advent of the Internet, was inadequate for the post generated. Now emails take care of that.

Flansham is used by many visitors, some regular walkers and some simply attracted to the place because they have heard about it, and want to look at the old houses and well kept gardens.

and the rural feeling with the agricultural fields enclosing the dwellings and the footpaths which meander across these fields.

If you grant permission for this profit driven application you will likely open the doors for even more similar applications and within ten years the whole place will be swamped with new houses and people. The loss will be at your door.

Y/77/19/OUT is a profit driven application by a person who now lives abroad, so has no interest in the damage it would do to this small community. The old house which he purchased some 8/9 years ago was a lovely old Sussex Farmhouse with a manicured garden around it but, since he purchased it, has becoming rather a sad place and one suspects that too will very soon become a further site for new development applications

3 In 2007 Flansham contributed some 90 acres of its farmland to provide the much needed Bognor Relief Road, which also required to be funded by the Site Six development, unfortunately we couldn't have one without the other but the road has hugely changed traffic flow; and is the best thing that has happened to Bognor in the last 75 years. In agreeing to this development all parties were assured by Arun DC that the A259 would now form the northern boundary of future development. If Arun agree to this application Y/77/19/OUT the planners will have reneged on this pledge.

4 Lastly, if you have committee members who believe in Global Warming, they will doubtless be aware the 'world experts', who know the future so well, are warning sea levels will rise

by around two metres, about six feet six inches, over the next couple of generations. Flansham is situated in a very low spot. So if they are climate change believers why would they endorse the building of new houses in this or similar low sites, which are going to be flooded out during high tides and extreme wet weather... Surely they should be looking to build on the higher ground of the southern slopes of the South Downs? Do they have such foresight? Do they have the courage?

Please register this as a strong objection.

Yours Faithfully

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