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Dear Mr Crowther

Re: Planning Applications Y/91/17 & M/92/17

The comments contained within this letter are apposite to both of the applications shown above which jointly relate to the proposed development of 550 houses in Yapton. Middleton-on-Sea Parish Council's Development Control Committee wish to **OBJECT** to both applications and support the objections made by Yapton Parish Council and the many residents who have also objected.

These planning applications do not address the increase in traffic that will arise from these applications. When compounded with other smaller developments for a further 353 in Yapton for housing there will be an additional 900 houses with all the traffic implications that this will bring.

The committee are very concerned that the increase in traffic, especially on the A259 and particularly at the A259/B2132 junction (Comet Corner), will bring potential gridlock in morning and evening peaks and that traffic wishing to join the A259 from the north or south will be the subject of major delays. Further, significant peer pressure will be felt by the drivers at the head of the queues to exit the junctions which may lead to risks being taken and accidents occurring.

The plans include some proposed work to both junctions but this minor tinkering will make the situation worse. The only solution will be for the developers to fund either traffic signals or a roundabout at the A259/B2132 junction. There is a ready-

made plan already held by West Sussex County Council for traffic signals with a price tag of circa £2.5 million so subject to developer funding the project could proceed very quickly.

Further, the planning applications do not have sufficient infrastructure in place to deal with the many issues that arise from these developments and the committee are sure Yapton Parish Council and its residents will impress this upon you in their objections.

Middleton-on-Sea Parish Council's Development Control Committee urge the planners to reject both of these planning applications due to the following

- ❖ Lack of infrastructure to support over 900 houses
- ❖ Increase in traffic on A259 and A259/B2132 junction
- ❖ Loss of green space and open countryside
- ❖ Parking issues within Yapton
- ❖ Lack of community facilities to support families moving into the area
- ❖ Local schools at capacity now, how does it cope with the addition of new children into the area?
- ❖ Amenities such as the Doctors' surgery are already oversubscribed
- ❖ Risk of flooding and drainage system is unable to support these developments
- ❖ Risk to the loss of wildlife

Yours sincerely



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