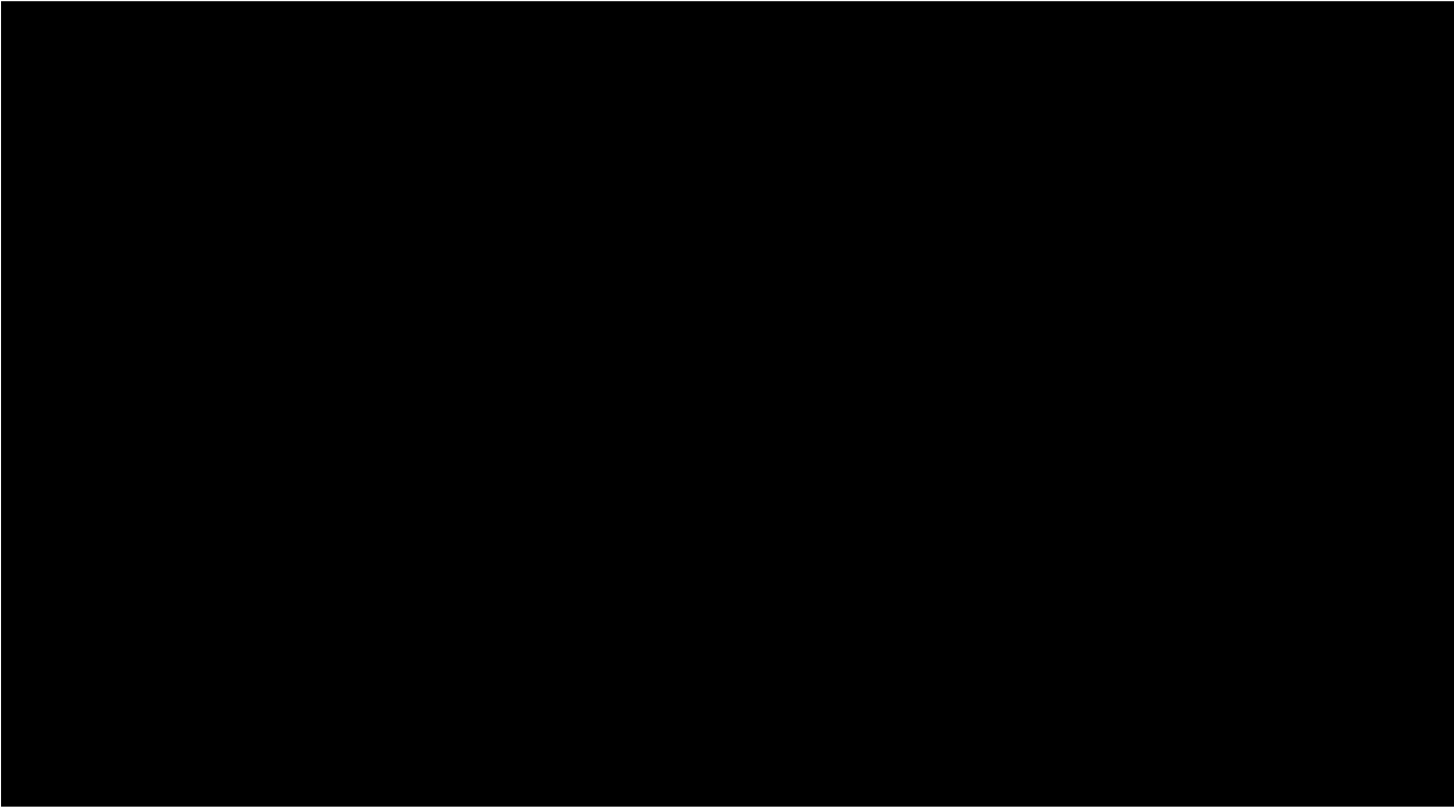




From: Annette Barker [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 December 2013 12:09
To: Planning
Subject: Y/99/13 FAO Mr Cronin

Dear Mr Cronin,

Planning Application Reference Y/99/13

Proposed housing estate of 250 units adjoining St Mary's Church, Yapton

I share the extreme concern felt by so many people in and around Yapton regarding this proposal. I believe it would be the end of the village and a prelude to similar developments. Those who lived there would feel located in a housing estate outside the natural boundary of the village and, hence, unlikely to feel part of the community. We would have, then, two kinds of Yapton, and little community spirit.

On the practical level: there does not seem to be any great demand for housing in Yapton, and people should be housed preferably where there is work, rather than where they will add to the commuter traffic. The present village infrastructure will not be able to cope with such a big increase in population. North End Road is already unable to sustain the traffic created by the school, the situation there is already dangerous at certain times of day and could only get worse. Added to this are the queues at the level crossing, which make Ford Lane totally unsuited to become an exit for a housing estate of this size. As well as this, there is the question of water supply, drains, roads - the council seems already unable to cope with maintaining the existing roads in the area, what is the point of adding more of them?

It is also untenable to build a housing estate next door to the Grade 1 listed mediaeval church of St Mary's (one of Yapton's two conservation areas), and near the four listed

houses in Church Lane. The views of the South Downs National Park, Arundel and Arundel Cathedral will be destroyed and the footpaths through the fields will lose become just a part of housing estate. This area is part of an agricultural land which should be the last one to be considered. It is simply unacceptable to build on this area of Grade 1 land which contributes to the production of food for this country - we already import 40% of our food, why make the situation worse?

Yours faithfully,

Annette Barker (Walberton)