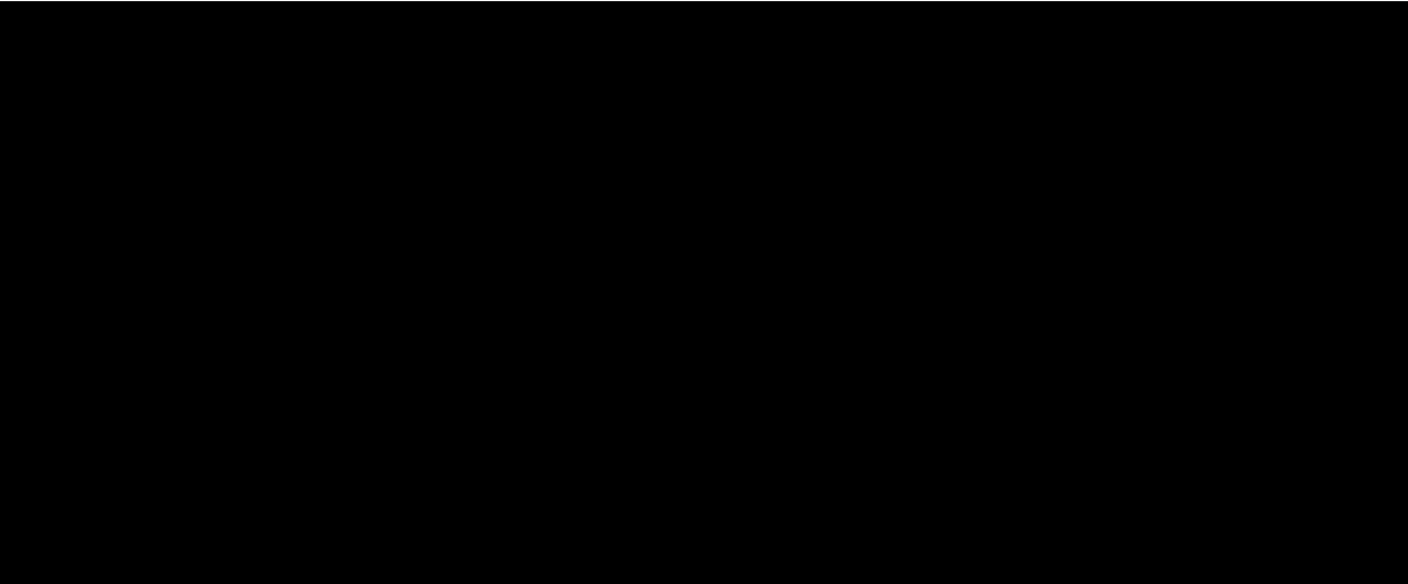




Sent: 16 January 2014 17:46
To: Planning
Subject: Planning Application Reference Y/99/13

Dear Sir

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

We wish to object to this proposal. It is the wrong thing to do for a number of reasons. Let us focus on just two areas of concern.

There is no need for further housing on this scale, on top of all the development currently approved for Yapton. It makes a mockery of the work done to date by Arun D.C. to identify the right number of houses to be developed in Yapton under the Local Plan and the work done by the Yapton Neighbourhood Planning Group to find suitable sites with willing owners.

Secondly, it is the wrong place to build houses. It would not be an integral part of the village and would provide a very unhappy backdrop to our ancient St Mary's Church (Grade 1 listed), the four listed houses in Church Lane, and the conservation area, destroying views to the South Downs National Park, Arundel and Arundel Cathedral and turning footpaths across green fields into a paved way through a concrete dormitory. And why use first-class agricultural land when the country is so far from self-sufficient in food production?

We are not planning experts, but we have read the attached letter from the NoYap-town Campaign, and I wish to state that we agree with all the points it makes.

We accept that there are extreme pressures on providing more houses in the South-East, and the strong influences exerted by developers, however the developers are interested in profits, not the communities that they impact. There is quite enough damage being caused to the green belt and the countryside by the national governments crackpot policies.

Please save our village!

Yours faithfully,

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