WGPC response to DC/24/0608 (Full Application) and DC/24/0609 (Listed Building Application) – Lock House, Lock Lane, Partridge Green, West Sussex RH13 8EG – conversion of existing dwelling into 5 No. dwellings, replacement of existing garage and flat with 1 No. dwelling and erection of 7 No. dwellings as enabling development

Stance: objects strongly

Comments: We object in the strongest possible terms to any suggestion that the circumstances of this case merit enabling development.

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The only other application we have had in West Grinstead Parish in the last 20 years of an application for enabling development related to St Hugh's Monastery. That is a Grade II* building, the only Carthusian monastery in England and in many ways, a remarkable building. They wanted to build houses in Littleworth Lane, Partridge Green, some considerable distance from the Monastery. The application was not supported by English Heritage and was refused by HDC.

Lock House is a large house, but has no * status. It is not that old. It was only built about 1900. There is nothing about it that would merit ripping up the rule book and granting consent for 7 new houses in the open countryside.
Those 7 new houses would in any event harm the setting of Lock House itself and also Grants Farmhouse, another listed building as advised by your own Conservation Officer.

They would also breach water neutrality guidance.

We trust that the application will be refused. If you were nevertheless minded to grant it, we would ask that it be referred to Committee.