

I am objecting to the proposed development application DC/26/0933.

As a resident of Barns Green for fifty-six years I have strong reasons to not want this village swamped by over development. They are;

1. The proposed development site is outside the original built-up area boundary (BUAB), deemed undevelopable and is defined as 'Countryside'. It is also not included in the Itchingfield Neighbourhood Plan, endorsed by HDC.
2. A new access onto Chapel Road opposite the pub car park and also adjacent to Smugglers Lane bridleway entrance, would create a 'black spot'.
3. The inadequate current bus service means the only option for regular travel to and from the village is by private car, therefore increasing traffic on the narrow local roads.
4. The recent Sumners Fields incomplete development has many unsold properties, questioning the need for more houses.
5. The Barns Green Sewage Treatment Works capacity is already exceeded and straining to cope for the existing number of properties in the village. In periods of heavy rainfall and flooding, raw sewage has frequently flowed into properties and gardens around the village. A serious concern for public health and the local environment, together with the resultant pollution of Parsons Brook that flows through the village and thence into the River Adur. An extra volume from an unwanted development of 31 houses would be catastrophic.
6. Electricity supply infrastructure locally, has been proven to be inadequate as some of the occupied houses in the recent development of Sumners Fields had to run for months on temporary generators.
7. The proposed pedestrian exit (has that been negotiated with the school?) onto Muntham Drive (a private road) would cause a likely danger of young children running to the playground on the village green, unaware of the traffic.

Regards

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