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Sent: 30 May 2023 07:24
To: Planning
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/23/0189

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 30/05/2023 7:24 AM.

Application Summary

Address: Sandgate Nursery West End Lane Henfield West Sussex BN5 9RD

Proposal: Outline application for erection of a continuing care retirement community of up to 72 units of accommodation (Use Class C2) and up to 10 starter homes (Use Class C3) with associated community facilities including medical centre and on-site laundry and catering facilities, with access, infrastructure, open space, landscaping and associated works (all matters reserved except for access).

Case Officer: Amanda Wilkes

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Customer Details

Address: Old Mill House Sandy Lane Henfield

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

- Highway Access and Parking
- Loss of General Amenity
- Other

Comments: I wish to object to the proposal in the strongest possible terms. The local community spent considerable time and effort discussing and eventually agreeing a Neighbourhood Plan in 2021 which clearly lays out where we would like to see further development within Henfield. This site of this proposal is NOT included in this planning document which was agreed by an overwhelming majority of local residents. It is worth noting that development of the site which was supported by the Neighbourhood Plan has not started.

The site of the proposal is along a dead end road which effectively ends at the River Adur. The wildlife in this area is of particular note and development would almost certainly destroy large areas of their habitat leading to a permanent reduction in wildlife and fauna. The location has been identified as one to promote tourism and leisure. Extending the urban area into this rural setting - which is also close to a listed building - would be counter to this local planning aim.

I am also somewhat sceptical of the proposal on financial grounds. Could this proposal for retirement homes actually be masquerading as a proposal for more profitable residential development? Developers are well aware that a permission once granted can more easily be adapted and changed at a later stage to one that will provide them with significantly higher revenues.

Please listen to what local people have clearly said. Yes we want more development in our area, but NO we do not want it here!

Kind regards