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Dear Sirs,

Objection to Planning Application DC/25/2057

UK government guidelines lay great stress on the achievement of "sustainable development", for which they define three overarching objectives:

- 1 an economic objective** – to help build a strong, responsive and competitive economy ... to support growth, innovation and improved productivity;
- 2 a social objective** – to support strong, vibrant and healthy communities ... by fostering well-designed beautiful and safe places, with accessible services and open spaces that reflect current and future needs and support communities' health, social and cultural well-being;
- 3 an environmental objective** – to protect and enhance our natural, built and historic environment; including ... improving biodiversity, using natural resources prudently, minimising waste and pollution.

In contrast, the proposed plans would lead to

- creation of residential accommodation with no balancing job opportunities;
- potential for flooding at key junction with Chapel Road, where problems already arise from time to time in front of village shop & are liable to be exacerbated by building over a green field thereby restricting drainage;
- absence of provision of any new supporting amenities, with consequent worsening of pressure on doctors' surgeries, nurses, dentists, carers, etc;
- worsening of situation of lack of hospitals & distance from nearest A&E facilities;
- worsening of shortage of school places;
- further congestion on local narrow roads & shortage of parking spaces, noting that existing inadequacy of public transport would inevitably lead to new residents' reliance on private cars;
- additional strain on water supplies & sewerage;
- loss of green space, woodland & natural habitat of wildlife;
- diminution of village character, further turning another Sussex village towards suburban sprawl;
- cumulative impact on top of two similar developments in Barns Green during past decade;
- conflict with 2025 Neighbourhood Plan.

It seems clear that the proposals dismally fail all three of the government objectives, which should result in refusal of the application.

Yours faithfully,

