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Address: Briar Lodge, Trout Lane. Barns Green. West Sussex. RH13 0QD.

Member of Public.

Objecting to the Planning Application

Reasons: Highway Access & Parking
Loss of Amenity
Design
Trees & Landscape
Overdevelopment.

Dear Sir.

I would like to object to the Planning Application No DC/25/2057
Land North of Little Slaughterford for the following reasons:

Having lived in this village for nearly 20 years, we settled in a beautiful none overdeveloped rural village with a bus stop in our road, no flooding and a genuine community feeling with everyone helping each other. Since then we have already had to put up with development of Ashmiles, a new school with lack of capacity, and already lack of buses in Trout lane as the route has changed and also from the main Village, now we also suffer serious flooding as soon as it rains.

It seems madness that Miller Homes are even considering this development application and is not one of the identified sites in the Neighbourhood Plan and is not meeting proven local housing demand in an appropriate manner, and should be refused.

Furthermore this is speculative housing development which is not essential to the location, and would urbanise and destroy a rural countryside green field which is in contradiction of the Countryside Policy. We need to conserve our Green Fields within this Village area for further generations and to enable our Corridors for Wildlife to continue to flourish.

The proposed road layout for the housing may also jeopardise the viability of the community pub, village shop and post office. This road is already struggling with

vehicles speeding and when parked outside the shop which is essential to elderly residents can be quite frightening when lorries go through as the road is not fit for purpose and floods regularly. There is lack of public transport hence the Shop, Post Office and one of our local meeting places the Pub is vital to all who live in the village.

Additionally the proposed development will also significantly damage the environment in a number of ways, including important habitat loss.

It will exacerbate the already serious issues regarding surface water flooding and the treatment of and pollution by sewage. Already the current overflows from the Barns Green sewage treatment works are threatening the River Ardur Restoration Project. These seriously damaging overflows will increase if the application is not refused.

Also I object for the following reasons:

- Sewage Works which is over the capacity limit stated by Southern Water and is constantly discharging sewage into the Stream.
- Flooding – Roadway Surface Water and Other Runoff which will increase the regular serious incidents of flooding in this area, from the Shop being flooded out, the roads dangerous when flooded for those who have to walk with no pavements. Constant drains blocked.
- The Removal of Ancient Hedges which are such an important wildlife habitat, especially when we have a local Conservation Area at our Local Church which covers an area of Special Interest, these Ancient Hedges must never be removed for ecological reason and also helps retain surface water runoff.
- Harm to Ancient Woodland and Other Habitat Loss -
- Inadequate Infrastructure including Electricity Supply which is demonstrated by the facts that a generator is needed to supply Sumners Fields
- Traffic Generation and Parking Impact adjacent to the village shop and the cumulative impact of additional traffic generation
- Public Transport Limitations and Issues, We now have less buses available in the village to transport anyone to work in another village or town,
- Loss of Village Amenity with the field no longer available for community and charity events
- Village Character, Listed Buildings and Heritage Impact on the area noted in the Neighbourhood Plan as important pastoral fields.

- Loss of Rural Amenity created by the field with animals grazing adjacent to historic buildings
- Over Development, Inappropriate House Design and Density, the house designs are imposingly high and the density is urbanisation
- Housing Mix and Deliverability Concerns, HDC Housing Officers stated these concerns. Sumners Fields are still struggling to sell what they have built with many complications such as not being connected to mains electricity!
- Conflicts with the Countryside Policy, the development site lies outside the Built-up Area Boundary (BUAB) and is defined as 'Countryside' where development should only be permitted if essential, which this application is not essential.

I would be grateful if you would put these comments to the Planning Officer.

Yours faithfully,

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