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Orchard House
Greyfriars Lane
Storrington RH20 4HE

Objection to Planning Application Reference: DC21/2086 and SDNP/21/04702/OUT and DC/26/1507
Land West of Ravenscroft Storrington West Sussex RH20 4EH

Dear Planning Officer,

I am writing to formally object to the above planning application. My objection is based on material planning considerations, specifically regarding Highway Safety and Unsuitable Access. Greyfriars Lane, is a highly substandard, narrow single-track road completely devoid of overtaking facilities

Approval of this development would create an unacceptable impact on highway safety for the following reasons:-

Failure to Provide Safe Access

1. **Pedestrian and Cyclist Vulnerability:** The lane features no footpaths or verges and has limited visibility in places with a blind bend.
   Local planning rules require all developments to provide safe and suitable access for all road users. A single-track lane without passing places directly breaches this.

2. Pedestrians, cyclists, dog walkers, children, horse riders, and mobility scooter users are forced to share the single vehicular lane directly with vehicles.
   Increased traffic on a road with no passing space or refuge areas drastically increases the likelihood of a severe collision involving vulnerable road users and putting them at risk of severe personal injury.

3. **Conflict and Reversing Hazards:** Due to the complete absence of overtaking facilities, vehicles encountering one another are forced to reverse in this narrow lane, posing a severe danger to personal safety, especially as there are a lot of larger vehicles involving larger service, delivery, or emergency vehicles that cannot physically navigate the lane simultaneously.

Obstruction and Gridlock from Large Vehicles

- Construction vehicles, emergency services and waste collection trucks plus horse boxes, oil tankers and delivery vehicles cannot pass oncoming traffic

Wildlife -

- Loss or fragmentation of ecological habitats and protected species (e.g., bats, nesting birds, owls).
- Removal or damage to mature trees and hedgerows,.
- Light pollution or noise disruption affecting nocturnal wildlife corridors.
- Country Park and Allotment facilities – how much of the wildlife habitat is to be removed to facilitate parking?

Parking – as there is no room at all for parking on Greyfriars Lane:-

How are allotment holders to reach their plots?
How are the Country Park users to park?

I urge the Local Highway Authority and the Planning Committee to refuse this application.