## Comment for planning application WSCC/052/20

Application number Name

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Type of Comment Comments

Objection

Dear WSCC, If the council cares at all for the people of Barnham, Eastergate and surrounding areas, then this preposterous and destructive A29 plan will be denied planning permission. It's crystal clear that the road has more to do with covering the surrounding farmland in over-expensive houses than with the traffic. I understand that the Woodgate crossing is a problem traffic wise, but building through one of the the largest and few-remaining green spaces that Barnham, Eastergate and Aldingbourne have to offer is not worth the avoidance of a 5-10 minute wait at some railway lights. In addition, the local fields are also used as a flood defence for the surrounding villages, shown by the amount of surface water that appears after heavy rain, so destroying this precious area would cause chaos for both the villages and the new road during times of heavy rain. The area that would be obliterated by the bypass is one of the local area's main and most important characteristics, as this agricultural land is the main divide for the villages of Aldingbourne, Barnham and Eastergate, and it is one of the last remaining barriers that protect the uniqueness of the three villages. Without it, the three villages will merge into one giant town, glued together by badly built estates and a large bypass cutting right down the centre. Due to this bypass, there will be an increase of traffic on the roads around the local area, not only creating the noise pollution that we all try desperately to escape, but also drastically increasing carbon emissions, contributing to the global climate crisis that we should be fighting, not giving in to. The 11 million that will be flushed down the drain if this bypass is built should be being used to protect and maintain the few local greenspaces from being permanently destroyed by developers, as well as investing more in public services and businesses, as well as the local hospitals and testing centres, especially during this COVID-19 pandemic. When I was younger, I remember when my parents took me and my sister through those fields and over the railways on walks around Barnham, and they are some of the happiest memories that I have. I loved walking up the railway crossing styles and looking out over the fields at Eastergate Church in the distance and, as the 16 year old that I am now, walking the paths still provide me with the happy sensations that I felt in the past. In the future, if I have children of my own, I would love to share those special times and feelings with them. However, I, and every other person that has had similar experiences, will not be able to share these special moments with our future children if the fields are no longer there, and instead a large bypass and thousands of houses replace the natural beauty that stands there today. If this proposal is given the go-ahead, the memories will fade and die, along with the feeling of singularity and the unique character that these villages possess. Please protect the local area by turning down the A29 proposal. No green space, especially in this area where all the open fields are quickly being corrupted and destroyed by reckless development, is worth saving time in a traffic queue. Protect the fields today, and provide positive life-long memories in the future. Please turn down the A29 planning proposal. Thank you for reading. Jim

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