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This application directly affects my property as it will be located at the boundary of my rear garden.

At the moment my property faces a grass paddock, which is occupied by much wildlife. Foxes, badgers, deer and numerous varieties of insects from butterflies, bees, grass hoppers and many more of which I probably can't see. We are supposed to be working towards living in a harmonious relationship with nature, instead of ripping the virtual heart out of it. This development will force the indigenous species out and drive them into smaller and smaller areas for them to survive.

Wildlife programme makers are telling us to protect and save habitat for wildlife, protected or not, they all play a large part in the rich tapestry of our world. There is no such Avenue for the 'residence' of the paddock to plead their case, so it is left to the humans who enjoy their company to speak on their behalf.

Clearly the traffic congestion will be of major concern to the residence whom this development affects. The vehicles will be chugging and spewing their carbon monoxide into my garden and my lungs. No matter how well cars are designed these days, 1000's of vehicles daily using this road will have an impact on our health. We all have a right to fresh air, not air ladled with toxic fumes, which will in turn be churned into our homes. Who knows what impact this will have on the residents of property's which lay along this route. Time will tell if cases of cancer, COPD or other lung related complaints will increase. But then it's too late and who will care? I don't call this development progress, I call it a ticking time bomb and putting added pressure of the health services such as the NHS. And as long as it affects other people and not themselves, the developers won't give a damn, or that is how it seems to us who will be at the shape end of this development.

Clearly in turn this will create noise. Speed restrictions are of little use as they are often ignored and drivers do whatever the road conditions allow. Revving engines and chuffing exhausts will, no doubt, cause high levels of noise and when in such close proximity to my garden will make it a miserable place to be in, especially in the summer when windows are open and we should be enjoying our own outside, private space. Before moving to Barnham I lived in a rural setting but right next to the A285. It was terrible living so close to a main road, with noise and privacy being affected by the streams of traffic. This was the reason I chose to move to my property in Barnham, as it was quiet and traffic free. A little spot of tranquility of my own. Not to mention the safety of my pets. With the new development my pets will be at risk and may well be lost to the road. It will be carnage for many other pet owners too.

The proposed noise barrier is simply barbaric in design! This is something you would ordinarily see on a motorway, far away from residential properties. Why is it being considered that this design is suitable for this road? I believe it is because the space available is no narrow for the road and all the ancillary items such as footpaths etc, leaving no room for a more sympathetic approach for a barrier. So, the residents are given a poor mans alternative to sympathetic and given an industrial construction!

Honestly, there is no humanity in the planning of this road. As long as it is not on your door step, who cares? In your letter inviting comments, there is a list of issues that 'can' be taken into account. If you have considered these to be appropriate why ask for our comments? They are ALL valid for ALL residents and you must have considered their ultimate impact on us. Of course we will object, as this road is ill considered and poorly thought through. It seems you are squeezing this road into a piece of land too small, giving little or no thought to finding an alternative which would allow better spacing from where people reside.

Barnham has been earmarked for major developments in the past few years, with many new houses being built and I understand the need for road infrastructure but this section of the road is not near these new developments! Why couldn't this have been factored into the 'big picture' at the very beginning of this major rebuild of Barnham and its surrounding villages? But again, who cares?

Barnham will be moving from a village status to a town, it will loose its heart.

I object to this road development for all the reasons I have mentioned and as a resident, who will be directly affected I believe I have a right to have my objections considered on their merit and not be diluted by the planning department or be dismissed.

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