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## OBJECTION TO:

**Application Number: WSCC/052/20**

**Proposal:** The construction of a 1.3km single carriageway with a 3m wide shared cycleway/footway, 2.5m wide central island, an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing with a central island to enable users of the PRow to cross the carriageway, three roundabouts, provision of hard and soft landscaping, road markings, traffic signals, bus stops, and signalised pedestrian crossings, construction of a substantial building; installation of a noise barrier, and associated works

To Whom It May Concern,

I wish to object to the above planning application as follows:

### 1: Suitability of use for the area:

The proposed location (land to the north of Eastergate and north-west of Barnham, PO22 0DF) is a prime example of a piece of land which is far too small for the above proposal to be built on. There will be little to no room for 2 lanes, a central reservation AND a cycleway/footway without it encroaching on Murrell Gardens/Chantry Mead's gardens. It seems proper evaluation of the proposed land has been rushed and not thought through. It is also unsuitable to start building this part of the road, as the full road (where the issue is) has not had full funding approved.

### 2: Loss of light/outlook/privacy:

If you were to stand in the piece of land outside my back garden you can clearly see that any road/barrier will block the natural light (which human beings need to be able to survive) and will be severely compromised. There is already a tall tree line to hide the industrial estate on the other side of this piece of land and adding any road will ensure that there will be no outlook for residence. There will be no privacy as the road/footway will back directly onto the garden. It will make residence feel trapped indoors as we will not be able to enjoy our gardens, which are some people's pride and joy.

### 3: Dust/odour/fumes:

Naturally the building of the road itself will cause extreme pollution to the immediate area. Digging up the area, laying foundations, the tarmac itself are all major pollutants that won't just affect the immediate area, but will affect the local areas as there will be many heavy duty vehicles needed. It is well known that heavy duty vehicles are 'gas guzzlers' and having them constantly running so close to people's homes will be unbearable. If the road is actually built the amount of traffic which will use the road will be extreme and the constant pollution will see a rise in asthma, strokes, CVD, lung cancer and many other possible effects and irreversible health conditions ([Effects of Air Pollution on Human Health - AirBetter.org](#)). It is estimated that long-term exposure to man-made air pollution in the UK has an annual effect equivalent to 28,00 to 36,00 deaths ([Health matters: air pollution](#)). This is an ageing area, and also an area where young families chose to raise their children both of which are the most vulnerable and will cause an untold amount of health issues; both physical and psychological. If the Covid-19 pandemic has taught us anything, it is that we need to protect the most

vulnerable, not send them to an early grave.

#### **4: Impact on trees/hedgerows:**

There will be an enormous impact on the trees and hedgerows. Atmospheric pollutants have a negative effect on the plants; they can have direct toxic effects, or indirectly by changing soil pH followed by solubilisation of toxic salts of metals like aluminium. The particulate matters have a negative mechanical effect. They cover the leaf blade reducing light penetration and blocking the opening of stomata. These impediments influence strongly the process of photosynthesis which rate declines sharply (<https://www.intechopen.com/books/the-impact-of-air-pollution-on-health-economy-environment-and-agricultural-sources/the-effects-of-air-pollutants-on-vegetation-and-the-role-of-vegetation-in-reducing-atmospheric-pollu>).

#### **5: Layout/appearance:**

Something in which I have already partially laid out, but to reiterate; the layout is completely impractical. The piece of land is not adequate as it is far too small to have the above proposed. It will be a huge eyesore to all residence and will drive down the prices of surrounding properties which will have a negative impact on West Sussex as a whole as it is one of the most affluent areas in the UK. The noise barrier proposition is appalling. It is something that you would expect to see on the side of a busy dual carriageway/motor way, not through a village; therefore proving further that this piece of land is unsuitable. This just shows poor planning from a council that is supposed to have it's constituents best interests at heart. But then again, this is a Tory government who only care about making the rich richer.

#### **6: Traffic generation/access/highway safety:**

With many houses and businesses in the local area the amount of traffic that will be generated will be unfathomable. We are just down the road from Fontwell Racecourse which holds many events throughout the year. This will cause mass disruption to all residence. The access to the road will also cause traffic for the current road infrastructure, essentially just moving the problem from one place to another. There is a proposed roundabout which will be on the Barnham road, B2233, which will be dominated by the A29, meaning that trying to pull out of the surrounding housing estates/roads will be near impossible. Again, making residence feel trapped within their own homes. Safety wise, it will be dangerous for road users and pedestrians alike as the amount of vehicles using the road will be constant. Having such a busy main road near Fontwell, and the neighbouring pub, will encourage people to drink drive as it will be a more 'direct route'. Speed restrictions are meaningless as almost everyone ignores them by driving to the conditions of which the road will allow. On such a straight forward road you will guarantee that people will use this to test out their cars and will no doubt race each other thinking they are stars of the next fast and furious.

#### **7: Impact on natural environment including animals and their habitat:**

This is something that is closest to my heart. We are constantly being encouraged to reduce our carbon footprint to get to net zero by 2050. Being encouraged to cycle more and burn less fossil fuels, yet councils and other big corporations can proceed with such monumental environmentally unsafe projects. How can the average Joe be expected to turn around our carbon emissions alone? The amount of litter that will come from drivers on this road will further cause damage to the local environment. It will be yet another road that the council do not fund waste clear-up and as it will be such a busy road it cannot be expected to fall to the local residence to do this. The loss of this natural environment will force the local wildlife further into urban areas, and for a council that doesn't even provide rubbish waste bins, you will no doubt see further litter as a result of foxes and other wildlife eating our rubbish as they will have lost their natural hunting ground. This stretch of land supports all sorts of wildlife, from insects to mammals to birds, all of which will be lost. Animals that rely on light for the control of biological activities can be impacted by the lights along roads. Robins that use sunlight as a cue to initiate songs in the morning can mistake lights for the sun and sing in the middle of the night. Road lights can also alter the routes that bats fly. Exposure to artificial lights at night may delay the time to metamorphosis in some frog species ([Roads: Their Environmental Impact | EnvironmentalScience.org](https://www.environmentalscience.org/roads-their-environmental-impact)). David Attenborough has dedicated his life to preserving the natural world and is encouraging us to 're-wild the wild' yet you are doing the opposite of this?

#### **8: Noise/disturbance:**

The amount of noise that will be generated from building the road, and subsequent traffic after it has been built will be unbearable. Gone are the days of enjoying a summer evening in the garden as the constant hum of traffic and people walking right next to the garden will be obscene. The revving of engines, large artillery vehicles, even road traffic collisions will make living so close to this road practically uninhabitable. How can you guarantee I will even be safe in my own garden?

**9: Effect of landscape or character of area:**

The landscape and any character that is left of the area will be destroyed. Barnham/Eastergate will no longer be villages, they will be smog filled memories of what they once were obliterating any sense of community it had left.

**Closing statement:**

I do want to thank you for giving me bullet points to share my opinions on. Clearly knowing full well the impacts of what this road will bring. Due to the current economic crisis it is likely that this part of the road will be built or partially built, and nothing further, not alleviating the main cause of the traffic which has prompted this bypass (the Woodgate railway crossing). My taxpayer money is better off being used elsewhere within the economy right now seeing as we are in an economic crisis due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Building this part of the road will just cause unnecessary disruption as it is essentially just going to be a road from Barnham to Fontwell; which already exists and is not an issue. Until the funding/approval for the bypass to go ahead at the Shripney end goes ahead then this will be completely and utterly pointless. This house was sold to us under the pretence that nothing was going to be built in the field behind the houses, but unbeknownst to us, it was already in planning. As such, our property was mis-sold. There are a number of cats that live in Murrell Gardens alone and there will be a huge loss of life if this monstrosity of a road is allowed to go ahead, not just of pets, but of course, the local wildlife.

Funny how the Tories can fund an inappropriate road, but can't find the money to feed starving children...

I object wholeheartedly to the road being developed as outlined in detail above.

Regards,  
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