

# Comment for planning application WSCC/052/20

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Type of Comment

Objection

Comments

We wish to register our objection to the above mentioned planning application on the following grounds. As a resident of Murrell Gardens, Barnham we will be directly affected by the construction of the road that is proposed in the field at the rear. On purchasing our property we were told that the field was protected and was a strategic gap to prevent the villages from completely merging. We have watched the video link which is intended to provide a visualisation promised by WSCC that would explain all and allay concerns, as anticipated it indicates pleasant mature green areas along the construction but fails to show the proximity of our property in more context to the scheme. Likewise neither does it show a close view of the rusty barrier option preferred by WSCC or the visual impact of the inappropriate wall on the surrounding areas or the view as seen from the impacted properties. The barrier is such as seen in motorways not what you would expect to see in a currently beautiful village. We can only assume that this is the preferred option due to cost and also due to the fact that the space is too small already for all that is wanted to be fitted in. We are aware of local residents who have made attempts to make changes to their properties to which WSCC have rejected the plans on the grounds that 'the main issue is the effect of the proposal upon the character and appearance of the area'. Clearly this also applies to a rusty barrier at the rear of our properties at Murrell gardens, chantry mead and ewen gardens. Reference BN/51/20/PL It is stated that the road will improve journey times, however by WSCC's own calculations the entire project will only improve journey times by 1 minute from Fontwell to Bognor. There has been a real shift in working practises this year and practises that will likely be permanent and I'm sure would have had a positive effect on travel times. It baffles and concerns us that the north and south plans aren't being brought together in one complete project. It is our concern that with only the northern phase being applied for at this time that there is a great risk that phase 1 will only be delivered and will remain a road to no where and likely just a project to allow the building of over 400 houses. Therefore the proposed scheme will not achieve its hope of providing a more reliable connection to Bognor, reduce traffic along the a29 or reduce journeys. I would be keen to know if a proper solution has ever been considered for the train gates at Woodgate as traffic is often left waiting unnecessarily when there are large gaps between trains, preventing traffic flow. The proposed road will be within 20 metres from a number of properties including ours. This it not acceptable on the grounds of air pollution, light pollution and noise pollution. As a family with young children who were born whilst living st the address if we had known about this proposal we never would have moved in. As shift workers the increased noise and light pollution when our bedroom is at the rear of the property causes much concern and time spent in our private garden will be hugely limited and restricted with the predicted noise level increases. It's not acceptable. There is a huge amount of wildlife that lives in the rear field that will be affected by the road. In the last year alone we have seen deer, foxes, rabbits, birds and bats. Not to mention the affect that it'll have on a number of the residents whose cats currently explore in the rear field and we fear they'll become likely victims to the road. The field is hugely prone to flooding and we are hugely concerned that this will not be mitigated. During the last three winters there has been standing water in the field. As new build properties our rain runoff is in SUDS in the garden. During wet times our lawn is sodden with standing water. Our concern is what will happen when concrete is poured into the field at the back. How will our properties be protected from the road run off? Your report states that the field isn't currently used for agricultural purposes. We beg to differ on this due to the fact that the field has been used for sheep grazing in a number of occasions and the farmer has annually cut and baled the field. In conclusion we strongly object to these plans in their current form and request that the planning committee direct WSCC: \* to move the line of the road further West to retain the established bund and reduce the noise/light/air pollution impact on residents. This will require the purchasing of land within the footprint of the Halo site, and/or reallocating some of the land to the North/West. \* take into consideration the presence of standing water as shown \* outline how the residents of the affected properties will be kept secure \* review the ecology in respect to the deer population that is not documented We would also like to highlight that this route has been part of the Arun local plan since at least 2011 (in earlier drafts of the plans the map used did not have Chantry Mead or Murrell Gardens shown). This would strongly suggest it has been known to WSCC Strategic Planners since before this time. Despite that, these developments were approved without issue. In all likelihood this was done in the full knowledge that this route will impact these properties in the near future. To that end WSCC should have either objected to the developments we now live in at the time or now change the route to accommodate the area as it is presently.

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