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Dear Mr Neave

Planning No: WSCC/052/20

We write to you as concerned homeowners in Chantry Mead, Barnham. We understand that you and your department are overseeing the proposal for the extension road of the A29, and refer to your excellent letter of 3 February. That letter covers a number of the concerns of local homeowners. We hope that the response thereto will be shared between us.

As currently projected, this road will pass directly behind the rear gardens of most of the properties in Chantry Mead, as well as those in the adjacent Murrell Gardens and Ewens Gardens. It is unnecessarily far too close to our properties. We shall, figuratively speaking, be able to touch the traffic as it passes by. There is ample spare space to move it further away.

Despite a travesty of a presentation by Elaine Martin of WSCC last year, nobody is convinced of the propriety of this scheme. We, like Eastergate and Barnham Parish Council, feel that the poor level of information provided by Ms Martin was completely inadequate for a public consultation. We were particularly aggrieved by the outline for the so-called acoustic barrier – a rusty wall no less.

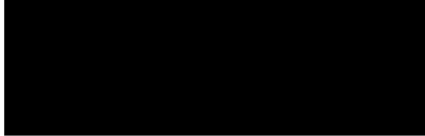
We therefore would be obliged for answers and clarification as follows:

- Will the local community be afforded a further consultation period after a revised/clarified scheme is developed?

- We are keen to contribute to the discussion on landscape friendly acoustic treatments and moving the road westward to achieve more space and distance from the existing residential areas. Assuredly this is possible, is it not?
- Is WSCC Highways allowed to start work before a planning permission is awarded. This bearing in mind that the Badger underpass installed last autumn is probably now underwater.

Thank you for your in-depth interest and we look forward to hearing back from you with some positive news in these difficult times.

Yours sincerely,



John & Sally Searancke