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Subject: A29 Realignment WSCC/052/20
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Dear Sir

I write with a further objection to the above numbered planning application.

I am director of Chantry Mead Management Company Limited and I write in my role as director because this application by WSCC affects all of my members who live in Chantry Mead.

My objection specifically refers to surface water retention and/or run-off in respect of the ditch that runs alongside properties in Chantry Mead and Murrell Gardens and Ewens Gardens. This ditch currently provides run-off water collected from agricultural land which is to be acquired by WSCC for the A29 realignment, and which then discharges further away into the Barnham Rife.

It is clear that I am not the first to raise the issue of statutory non-compliance with the appropriate regulations, since the matter has already been referred back internally to WSCC. It is also clear that the current planning application has failed to address and cover projected flooding, which will only increase once the steel fence and it's supporting foundations are installed, thus trapping water in the land adjacent to the ditch.

In tandem with the above, Chantry Mead home owners are currently bound by an Easement created between the original developer of Chantry Mead and the local landowner, requiring us as householders to maintain the aforesaid ditch in perpetuity. Perhaps somebody in WSCC, who will be purchasing the land, including the ditch, can advise how we should maintain a ditch over which we have no control or even availability of access? We demand that WSCC publicise that they will take over liability for this Easement and release Chantry Mead homeowners from an intolerable and inequitable burden that cannot be enforced.

Inter alia, I note that ADC are recommending refusal of the appeal by Smith Simmons & Partners (BN/51/20/PL) on behalf of Stonehurst Properties. In their Statement of Case at 2.5, 2.6, & 2.7, they refer clearly to flooding, a management company unstated, & drainage associated with the agricultural land as at present, & the current ditch bordering Chantry Mead properties.

When read, the statements are faulty on a number of counts. The appeal document clearly states that the new properties that they propose will NOT be using the Chantry Mead SUDS system including the hydro-brake. The plans show that they will be relying solely on soakaways, thus further potentially aggravating the position. Even more importantly, they rely on water flow running towards the fields. That is patently rubbish, because the new A29 carriageway will have a high steel acoustic fence supported in place by deep strengthening foundations and a retaining bund. No water will flow away through that! Finally, they refer to the maintenance of the drainage ditch, which is impossible either for them or for us, bearing in mind my comments earlier in this letter. If you couple this with the statement about flooding being a 1 in 100 year event, when we have proof of it occurring almost every wet winter, then words fail me!

The attached link refers and explains further:

<https://westsussex.planning-register.co.uk/Document/Download?module=PLA&recordNumber=1705&planId=58898&imageId=163&isPlan=False&fileName=WSCC%20Drainage%20and%20Flooding.pdf>

Yours faithfully,

Linda Wale.

