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Subject: Planning notice AWDM/0845/26

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Cc: Steve Purcell

Subject: Objection to Planning Application AWDM/0845/26 – Land South of West Street and West of Loose Lane, Sompting

Dear Planning Officer,

I wish to formally object to Planning Application **AWDM/0845/26**, relating to the Reserved Matters application for Phase 3 of the development on land south of West Street and west of Loose Lane, Sompting.

I am a resident of **Loose Lane** and have experienced first-hand the impact that the development has already had on our community. Whilst I appreciate that the principle of development has previously been approved, I believe the Reserved Matters currently before the Council fail to adequately address the impact of this phase on existing residents, particularly in relation to access, parking, highway safety, and residential amenity.

One of my principal concerns is the loss of long-established on-street parking on Loose Lane. Double yellow lines have recently been introduced, removing parking that residents have relied upon for decades. It is widely understood that these restrictions have been implemented to facilitate access to this development. Existing residents are therefore being asked to sacrifice essential parking for the benefit of a new housing estate.

There are no designated parking bays at the lower end of Loose Lane where many existing residents live. As a result, residents, visitors, carers, family members, and healthcare professionals often have nowhere to park. This has had a significant effect on daily life and has increased isolation for some residents who now struggle to receive visits from friends and family.

The pressure on parking is further exacerbated by vehicles from nearby roads, including Sylvan Road and Avon Close, regularly parking in Loose Lane because of limited parking in their own streets. The Reserved Matters application does not appear to demonstrate that sufficient consideration has been given to the cumulative impact of the development on surrounding roads.

I am particularly concerned about the effect on elderly and disabled residents, together with those who rely on NHS Patient Transport Services. Residents attending hospital for cancer

treatment, dialysis or other essential medical appointments, or those returning home following discharge from hospital, may no longer be able to be collected or dropped off safely outside their homes. This has the potential to create unnecessary hardship for some of the most vulnerable members of our community.

The submitted details relating to access, parking and layout should demonstrate that the surrounding highway network can safely accommodate this development without causing unacceptable impacts on neighbouring residents. Based on the changes already implemented on Loose Lane, I do not believe this has been achieved.

I also question whether sufficient consideration has been given to the needs of existing residents under the **Public Sector Equality Duty contained within Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010**. The practical consequences of removing long-established parking have a disproportionate impact on older residents, disabled residents, and those with long-term health conditions. I ask that the Council is satisfied that these matters have been fully assessed before approving the Reserved Matters.

I am also concerned about the way residents have been notified of this application. The planning notice was attached to a lamp post in a location where many residents of Loose Lane would be unlikely to see it during their normal daily activities. Given the scale of this development and the significant impact it will have on existing residents, I do not believe this was an effective or reasonable method of ensuring those most directly affected were made aware of the application.

Furthermore, many residents of Loose Lane are elderly and do not have access to the internet or the confidence and ability to use online planning systems. Although written comments can be submitted by post, the planning notice places considerable emphasis on viewing documents and making representations online, creating a significant barrier for many older residents. No individual letters or other direct communication were sent to properties in Loose Lane to ensure residents were aware of this application and understood how they could comment. As a result, many residents may have been deprived of a fair opportunity to make representations on a development that will have a direct and lasting impact on their daily lives.

Given the significant changes already experienced by residents because of this development, I believe the Council should have taken additional steps to ensure that those most affected were properly informed and able to participate in the consultation process. I respectfully ask that this is considered when determining the application.

In addition, I remain concerned that:

- The proposed development is of a scale and density that will place further pressure on local roads and parking.

- The parking provision appears inadequate for a development of this size and is likely to increase overspill parking into neighbouring streets.
- The cumulative impact of this and future phases has not been properly considered from the perspective of existing residents.
- The proposed landscaping and public open space do not mitigate the significant impacts already being experienced by the surrounding community.

For all these reasons, I respectfully request that the Council refuses Planning Application **AWDM/0845/26**, or at the very least defers determination until the impacts on existing Loose Lane residents have been fully assessed and meaningful mitigation measures have been secured. Existing residents should not be expected to lose long-established parking, experience increased congestion, reduced accessibility, and diminished quality of life to facilitate a development of this scale.

I ask that this representation is recorded as a formal objection and considered when determining Planning Application **AWDM/0845/26**.

yours Sincerely

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