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Dear Sir

Planning Application at Prince Charles Close Southwick Ref: AWDM/1115/23

I am writing a second time to express my deep concern that you are pressing ahead with this application in its present form. I have tried to comment on-line three times, re-registering again and again to little effect. It concerns me that the comment list does not appear to have grown and there is no mention in the list of my first letter. Whilst it would appear that you may be conserving five trees on the site it would seem that none of the concerns expressed at the site meeting last year appear to have been taken into consideration.

1. Highway safety in the area is already challenged by the increasing use of Mile Oak Road as a "rat run" and the pressure on parking spaces for existing residents in the locality. I see that noise, disturbance, traffic and smells are considered admissible planning considerations but it would appear that these have been disregarded in the scale of this proposal. The traffic survey you carried out seems to have conveniently missed the fact that there are usually 15 cars parked at night in the car park and the kerbside adjacent to the allotments is usually fully occupied by parked cars until late afternoon and then again during the night. That cars travel within the speed limit is due to the fact that the speed limit is too high for the normal conditions - walkers, children and moving cars overtaking parked cars. The drainage might not be a problem if the culverts and collection chambers were properly maintained, rather than allowed to fill with debris.
2. Surely it would have been better to site the flats in the dip the bottom of the hill rather than the top – even closer to the bus stops?
3. Existing neighbours, including me, will definitely suffer a loss of privacy and light.
4. Speaking to residents of Prince Charles Close it is already patently obvious that there will be an issue of mental health as the area is changed and even more green grass is lost for ever. The physical disruption of the initial build with the issues of noise and dirt adds problems for everyone living in the area. None of these problems will be short-lived.
5. Is not a more suitable site available within the district on one of the under-utilised small industrial estates or similar sites around the edges of our conurbations? This type of development has been seen to be successful in neighbouring Council areas, so why not for Adur and Worthing?

I would ask you please to reconsider this application and its long-term consequences for the existing residents and neighbours of Prince Charles Close.

Yours faithfully

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Judith White (Mrs)