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Comments Details

Commenter
Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer made comments neither objecting to or supporting the Planning Application

Reasons for
comment: - Design
- Highway Access and Parking

Comments: AWDM/0291/26
Amendment to Consent AWDM/0701/24
Response from Resident in property that fronts Hill Barn Lane, unadopted section.

Highway Safety, Access and Parking
Access and Transport issues are discussed in the Design and Access Statement at Para 7 and also the WSCC consultation.

It mentions that there is no off street parking and also unrestricted parking in the council car park at the north side of the playing field.

Hill Barn Lane from the Grove Lodge roundabout northbound to the college has single yellow lines on both sides of the road and parking is prohibited between the published hours between Monday to Friday. Some of the yellow line abutting the college cant be seen due to leaves and mud etc.

This means on match days which are normally on a Saturday and Sunday, visitors can park in this section of road on either side which they do in great numbers, which creates a single lane available to moving traffic with no passing places. You can be stuck in traffic here for ages waiting for one set of motorists to reverse to create an exit route.

It is abundantly obvious to any observer that there is insufficient parking to accommodate the number of visitors attending on match days with the associated traffic chaos. It will only get worse with more visitors, and tournament days are even more of a nightmare.

If this is obvious to us residents that get involved with this traffic chaos then why is

it not obvious to the West Sussex County Council or Worthing Borough Council who have the authority to do something about it. Maybe because they do not attend on site to see for themselves. I see the WSCC response to this application is a desktop study so that perhaps explains their stance.

I have seen a handout from the Charmandean residents, and one of the items mentions the unadopted part of Hill Barn Lane and its maintenance. It states that residents whose homes front the lane have to contribute to its maintenance.

Given that 99% of the traffic using the unadopted part of the lane is either parking in the council car park, attending at the college, using the golf club or using the lane as a rat run from Charmandean to the Grove Lodge roundabout, it seems totally unfair to burden the residents of Hill Barn Lane with maintaining the lane.

Potholes. The portion of the lane that is maintained by the council is totally riddled with potholes and needs resurfacing completely.

I endorse many of the comments made by the other residents but I believe that a properly run scheme to promote recreational facilities is a good thing, that the buildings should look aesthetically pleasing and not look like a shipping container port and the local residents should not have to shoulder the brunt of the parking and traffic issues.
