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2nd April 2014.

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PLANNING SERVICES

Ref: Planning Applications AWDM/1242/12 and AWDM/0227/14.

A) Letter of objection regarding current application.
B) Rumours regarding lack of compliance with existing planning permission.
C) Lack of information regarding illegal use of a concrete crusher.

Dear Sir,

A) On the 5th of March this year I wrote to your department objecting to the planning application AWDM/0227/14. To date I have not received any acknowledgment from your department, and have not so far been given a time or date when the planning committee would discuss the application. I would be grateful if you could advise me of that date as soon as possible.

B)When the planning inspector overruled Adur Council and granted planning permission he took onboard the concerns of the objectors, regarding the sewage and foul water system. He stated that the developer were to upgrade the wastewater sewer in Irene Avenue before the properties were occupied. A number of these properties are now almost complete but to date there has been no noticeable work on the sewer system in Irene Avenue. In addition rumours are now circulating to the effect that the houses have been connected to the existing system which was originally used to serve the school, and the developer has no intention of enlarging and upgrading the sewer. People are now concerned, that one or more of the following may happen,

1) The existing sewer will overflow and flood their properties with faeces, and other obnoxious items, with its subsequent danger to health etc.
2) The sewer will be upgraded by Southern Water or the Council, and the resident's of Irene Avenue charged directly for the work.
3) The sewer upgrade will be carried out by Southern Water, with the cost being passed on to the local residents in higher water charges etc.
4) The sewer upgrade being carried out by the council and the cost passed on to the local residents in higher community charges etc.

Would you please answer the following questions for me,

1) Have any of these properties been connected to the existing foul water sewer.

2) Does the developer intend to enlarge and improve the sewage system (to the complete satisfaction of Southern Water) in Irene Avenue?
3) And if so when do they propose to carry out the work?
4) What action does your department plan to take to ensure compliance with the conditions of the planning application?
5) How will you ensure that the work is carried out without the cost falling on either
   a) the local residents,
   b) Southern water,
   c) The Councils (either, district, County, or Parish).

C) On Friday the 5th July 2013 the developers brought a concrete crushing machine on site. They operated it with no water or other suppressant causing large clouds of dust to billow out of the machine. That day there was a gentle breeze from the east and this dust cloud was blown over a number of properties in Irene Avenue and also affected houses in Pratton Avenue. Following complaints from a number of residents a council official attended, and after witnessing this dust cloud, served a notice on the operator's banning further use of the machine. On the following Monday several of the complainants were contacted by the council and informed that the machine was being operated without a licence. I to, was contacted but the person who spoke to me stated that the machine had a licence but the operators had failed to comply with the conditions of that licence. We were all told that responsibility for licensing rested with Chichester and Adur Council, would liaise with them, and prosecute the company for operating without a licence/ failing to comply with the conditions of that licence. Since that time none of the complainants have heard any more. Please could you answer the following questions.

1) Did this matter go to court and if so what was the result?
2) Is the court case still pending, if so has a court date been set?
3) If the council decided not to prosecute, could you give an explanation as to why not, after all there was ample eye witness's and photographic evidence, not just from the complainants but council officials as well?

I know your department is very busy and that with regard to both the sewage problem and the concrete crusher, you may well have to check the facts with other departments/ organisations, but I would be grateful for a prompt reply.

Yours faithfully,

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E.G.Bull.

cc: Committee members of the former Avenue's Residents Association.