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OBJECTION

The site is two metres above sea level and therefore at high risk of flooding particularly given its proximity to the sea, river, stream and wetland.

The site was defined as of particular importance for wildlife. I have seen bats foraging immediately adjacent to the site. Cetti's warbler can be heard in the wetland to the west and very large flocks of starlings use the nearby wetland for roosting. The surrounding grassland is suitable habitat for barn owls and these are highly likely to use the barns present on-site for nesting purposes.

The site is within the risk zone of The Lower Adur SSSI and RSPB Adur Estuary Reserve. Priority bird species are undoubtedly using the fields surrounding the site during the day but

also particularly at night. This can go undetected and can only be determined using thermal surveys.

The site lies within a green area that is unique locally and is not present either to the east or the west for a considerable distance. These rare havens for wildlife must be protected and enhanced.

The site is within the Weald To Waves Corridor. Also the Adur River Recovery.

I believe there is a plan to create a nature reserve here which is extremely important.

Visually the site and surrounding area has a very special quality that defines it as rural and undeveloped. This is immensely important to maintain and increase wildlife potential.

The wetland area to the west and the stream is of great importance and the site is in close proximity to this. Increasing development here would put the fragile ecology of this area at risk introducing more pressure on an already stressed ecological system especially given the effects of climate change made acutely clear in our current heatwave and drought.

The West Sussex LNRS is a material consideration. The site is in a rare coastal green area and has been rightly identified as an area to protect and enhance for its biodiversity. This is of paramount importance for wildlife.

The importance of maintaining these green areas for their benefits to mental wellbeing cannot be overstated.

The views of the fields and the Downs beyond are incredibly important to maintain. A development would inevitably damage the rural quality of this very important green area.

The views are spectacular at all times of the year. The sunsets and the moon particularly when it is low in the sky are equally breathtaking when viewed across the fields.

There are also low levels of light pollution in the immediate area which is very important to maintain as it is becoming increasingly rare. The nocturnal species in the area rely on the darkness. Also a development would increase noise pollution which would impact on both wildlife and humans.

The road has no pavement and increasing traffic would be dangerous. My mother is a wheelchair user and finds the existing traffic very concerning while using the road. It is essentially a country lane.

There are also concerns regarding drainage.

For these reasons I strongly urge the council to reject the application.