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Natasha Lee [redacted] 24 September 2023 at 12:29
To: "planning@adur-worthing.gov.uk" <planning@adur-worthing.gov.uk>

Dear Mr. Peck,
I have only just received this Saturday (23rd) your letters dated 4th September. I wish to object to the above proposals for the following reasons:

1. The council planning policies state there has to be a minimum distance between homes & public rights of way. I don't think this is achievable given the location of the current path by the ball court & proposed layout.
2. A previous planning decision was rejected because the pylons emitted electromagnetic radiation that was deemed in excess of safe levels. Apparently a new independent study has been carried out, I would like to know by whom & what their findings were as I cannot find any record of this.
3. There is only one route in & out of the close. The proposed construction sites will obviously affect traffic movement, which will impact Mile Oak Road & adjoining roads. Should there be an emergency, with only one access route, it's reasonable to assume that construction vehicles will block the road at times. There isn't a lot of room for manoeuvre as it is. Potentially, people could be put at risk.
There is also the entrance to the allotments to consider, as people are using it throughout the days & into the evenings.
There is already significant congestion along Mile Oak Road due to parking & the condition of the road itself. It is very difficult turning into & out of the close. There are almost permanent potholes & ones that constantly reopen. Being subjected to constant daily use by heavy construction vehicles will deteriorate the roads even further. It will cause severe congestion & this will further impact the adjoining roads. I think there is a real risk of accidents happening as it's already difficult to navigate these roads safely, & even around the close due to the number of cars already parked on the road.
4. Both car parks provide a vital & safe place for residents to park their cars. The road spaces fill up very quickly, & having these car parks means that people can park close to their homes, & they won't have a long walk back. The car parks are both regularly full. I think they are vitally important for personal safety reasons, as well as for people with mobility issues.
The proposals suggest that additional parking has been made available which isn't accurate, they want to provide one space each for the proposed residences, & an overflow at the top of the close. This is useless for people living at the bottom end.
If the new residents have more than one car, or visitors, they will be forced onto the road; in addition to the other cars already there. The cars that currently use the car parks will also be forced onto the road. This will cause severe congestion around the whole close. I think the proposed entrance car park would not only be ecologically unsound due to the removal of mature trees & grass area, but also present a safety issue (personal & property).
5. I have ME so unfortunately I'm mostly housebound. I work from home & I can hear outdoor noise even with my windows shut. Loud continuous noise has a severe adverse effect on my symptoms, as well as stress. The nature of my job means that I regularly have sensitive conversations & I won't be able to do this with constant construction noise. I don't have anywhere nor any means to get away from it.
Even on my days off I'm stuck at home due to my condition. I only leave my house to get to appointments. I'm genuinely worried that my health & job would be severely negatively affected.
I'm unable to walk far due to extreme fatigue. I am very concerned about the effect the proposed construction would have on my being able to park near my home. I have a blue badge but have been refused an allocated parking space, I need to be able to park near my home.
6. The back of the ball court area has several large trees overhanging it, which belong to the houses on Old Shoreham Road. These trees provide vital food & shelter for several species including bats & woodpeckers which are protected under UK law. The trees at the entrance to the close do as well, as they flower & provide fruit which attracts several species of bees (currently endangered).
They are mature trees & the surrounding grass areas provide excellent rewilding. There are several types of indigenous plants growing as well. Given the council's push to expand rewilding, it's a backwards step to pave over the few available spots in this area.
7. The ball court trees overshadow most of the car park & ball court. Therefore the proposed dwellings would also be overshadowed. For the reasons outlined above, the trees cannot be cut, & I think that heavy construction work carried out a few metres away will obviously affect the animals already living in them, some of which are protected species as already mentioned.
8. A few years ago I made a report to Highways England (who own the footpath) because I saw what I believed to be invasive knotweed growing over one of the fences behind the ball court. They said they wouldn't deal with it at that time because it wasn't near the footpath. As far as I know it's still growing there.

I tried to access the links online but was unable to so I couldn't leave a comment there. As I've only had 2 days to

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respond to this instead of 3 weeks I hope that you will take these comments into consideration.
Kind regards
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