

Bill Freeman Lancing Manor SE Residents Network

Our 400 residents vehemently object to this totally inappropriate application.

I'm sure that we'll hear again this evening that this massive development proposal is needed to safeguard the future of the airport. We've heard that for many years now but magically the airport is still ongoing.

However, the applicant's financial position for the airport is not a material planning consideration for deciding this application. It can only be decided upon the planning facts before us.

And - If the intention is to safeguard the airport's future then the position of this development has been deliberately placed in absolutely the wrong location.

This 4 hectares of land take (that's the size of 6 football pitches) could not be in a worse position.

It fails against Adur Plan policies on so many levels.

The National Park has soundly objected to the proposal. Right alongside an operational runway with a mass which will absolutely decimate views from and to the Downs, The College, Mill Hill and across the river and from the Toll Bridge.

Above all it will sustain damage to the even further reduced green gap.

West Sussex Archaeology totally objects to the impact on historic assets and so does Historic England.

Natural England and West Sussex both comment there is insufficient information to determine the impact on the Adur River's 60 hectares of protected Site of Special Scientific Interest. The applicant's own ecologist even acknowledges that the surveys for breeding birds were conducted at the wrong time of year.

The impact on birdlife such as redlisted species - Lapwings and Skylarks and many other species - are of great concern to the local

orthinological organisations – and there are absolutely no promised mitigations before us this evening to even deal with any of these ecology impacts.

As for its scale and size and height, the words' minimum of 15,000 sq m' and' degree of flexibility' have been completely flouted and make a mockery of even having an approved Local Plan.

Our residents do want to see the airport flourish but not at the expense of and not with the damage to the amenities we have now.

If the applicant is serious about taking this site forward economically and not turning it into yet another Business Park Development why on earth was this proposed development not considered for location on the southern perimeter road.

Any reasonable architect could redesign layered car parking space to free up brownfield areas to build these units without detriment to the airport, its operations or the dreadful impacts on landscaping views, the green gap and the ecology of the area.

This application is totally unacceptable to the community. My residents ask their elected members this evening to categorically refuse this application.

Thank you for listening.