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Angmering Neighbourhood Plan Consultation

To enable the community to get a better understanding of what the Plan means for future development in Angmering, two **evening drop-in sessions** have been organised to enable those who are working during the day and have limited time at weekends to go along. This is your opportunity to comment on the Plan. The dates, times, and location of the drop-in sessions are as follows:

Friday 30 May between 7.00pm - 8.30pm in the King Suite of the Village Hall (Station Road)

Tuesday 3 June between 7.00pm - 8.30pm in the Community Centre (Foxwood Avenue, Bramley Green)

Some planning applications along Roundstone Lane may have gone through but that does not mean the Neighbourhood Plan is too late to have any impact, as there are more applications in the pipeline across the rest of Angmering. The Neighbourhood Plan, once adopted, is an opportunity to influence future planning decisions for the next 15 years so we all need to be sure it reflects what we, the community, really want.

The closing date for comments on this pre-submission Plan is 11 June 2014. If you have any queries or would like a paper copy of the draft Pre-Submission Plan, contact the Parish Council Office (01903) 772124. Comments are required by 11 June so that they can be incorporated and submitted with the final version of the Plan when it goes to goes to final examination.

28 May 2014

Angmering Planning Applications

A/51/14/OUT - Outline Application with Some Matters Reserved for demolition of the existing **Manor Nursery Garden Centre** and hard standing and redevelopment for 32 dwellings with associated access, public open space and landscaping. Manor Nursery, High Street. Departure from the Development Plan. Applicant: Hanbury Properties Ltd.

Observations on this/these Application(s) must be received by The Head of Planning Services, Arun District Council, The Arun Civic Centre, Maltravers Road, Littlehampton, West Sussex BN17 5LF by 5 June 2014.

To see applications, plans, design statements, etc, type the Application Reference Number (such as those above) into Arun District Council's "Application Search Facility", click on the Search button, and click on the hyperlink reference when selected application is returned - then select "Documents".

14 May 2014

Changes at Angmering Parish Council

At the AGM of Angmering Parish Council last night (Monday), **Cllr Albert Mariner** was elected **Chairman** of the Parish Council for the next year. **Cllr Susan Francis** was elected at **Vice-Chairman**.

13 May 2014

Planning - Latest

The following statement has today been issued by SAV:

"Arun District Development Control Committee Councillors today voted 7 to 3 in favour of approving the first three developments East of Roundstone Lane totalling 370 houses. These 370 are the first of the 600 agreed for Angmering in Arun's Local Plan.

Although the Councillors re-worded the school provision condition, there is still no guarantee of a primary school or guarantees on the timescales of the delivery of the dualling of the A259."

Arun's Director of Planning, Cllr Ricky Bower, who is a member of the Development Control Committee, initially wished to defer any decision on the Applications to consider what the draft S106 Agreement had to say on schooling and transport. Nearly all the other councillors on that committee agreed with him, but the chair of the committee appeared to strongly support the planners and pushed for a rewording of the school provision. As a result, some hasty rewording on the school provision was agreed that allowed approval of all three Applications. Both Arun and Angmering will no doubt come to regret that rewording as it could possibly (and probably) allow both developers and the County Council to wriggle out of their obligations. Running behind time, the committee somehow forgot to discuss further the wording of the S106 Agreement in respect of transport (and particularly the impact on the A259) and other infastructure matters!

It is also incredible that Arun District Council has been railroaded into reneging on their policy requiring new developments to include 30% affordable homes, allowing the developers a reduction to 20% in the case of these three Angmering Applications. This allegedly allows developers to make an additional financial contribution to facilitate the provision of a primary school, but no doubt still making a substantial profit at the expense of those in Angmering and surrounding district who really need affordable housing. Cllr Bower's wife, also a councillor on the Development Control Committee, went as far as suggesting that green space could be reduced to allow developers to squeeze in more housing, in order they could make a greater financial contributions - (derision from fellow councillors and the public gallery!).

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6 May 2014

Draft Arun District Local Plan - Latest

About 180 people from Angmering, Barnham, Eastergate and Westergate, and other locations, attended a rally outside Arun District Council (ADC) Offices last night to protest against the number of new houses proposed by ADC over the next 15 years in their Local Plan. The rally was addressed by our MP, Nick Herbert (pictured below - left), who talked about the current congestion in Angmering and the great housing contribution it had already made in recent years. He voiced the opinion that the strategic allocations by ADC were both foolish and ill-conceived, and that it was unnecessary at this stage of the Plan to determine numbers of houses in any area. He had also sent a letter to every councillor on the District Council stating his views. Your can see a video of Mr Herbert's rousing speech (through the Littlehampton Gazette's website) at the rally by clicking here





Despite the demonstration, and with little surprise, at the meeting of the full Council which followed, there was a majority vote by ADC to include in the Plan:- 600 new houses for Angmering, and 2000 new houses for Barnham, Eastergate and Westergate which will effectively destroy the character of those villages. It was clear that due to administrative problems at ADC, Mr Herbert's latest letter never reached many councillors before the meeting. It was also apparent that, at a recent workshop for councillors, there was substantial support for large development at Ford, but the planners and the influencing councillors had ignored this having already made up their minds where new housing should be constructed in the future. So much for democracy! The views expressed by Angmering's District councillors relating to the parish's proposed housing allocation were either disappointing or non-existent!

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