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Dear Sir:

Planning Application P140/16/OUT
Summer Lane/West Pagham Road, Pagham

I wish to lodge my objection to the above Planning Application on the following grounds:

1. The village of Pagham *cannot sustain this planned development either economically or environmentally*, being a village there is not the infrastructure to cope with this size of development;
2. Bartons Farm is very close to the nature reserve and the wildlife that dominates its existence and our pleasure, to add some 400 houses in such proximity is a travesty;
3. *Flooding* is also an issue, it was only in 2012 that large areas of Pagham were under water, what will happen with another 400 houses? Does the village of Pagham not have enough issues with the *sea defences*, the ever growing "spit" and *worrying knowledge that Pagham could be flooded from the sea?*
4. What about *traffic*? At the moment the *Pagham Road through Nyetimber is problematic*, cars parked on both sides of the road, not to mention HGV lorries; the *Pagham Road is narrow, it is a winding, country road*, all the way to the A27, and *totally unable to sustain the massive increased traffic that 400 houses will bring*. There is already considerably more traffic from March to October with visitors to Church Farm Holiday Village,
5. What about *schools*? I believe the intention is to build a primary school, but what about all the children attending secondary/senior schools, where will they go and *can the existing schools cope with the additional pupils from this development?*

6. *Doctors, dentists and hospitals will not have the resources to cope with a huge population increase. I understand there is to be a doctor surgery in the development. You do, of course, realise there is already the Arthur Griffith Clinic in Pagham which is open only one morning a week as there are not enough doctors, nurses and other staff to man it. Just where will the extra doctors, nurses and support staff come from to open another surgery?*
7. *Who will buy these homes? There are many unsold homes in new developments in neighbouring Bersted, Felpham and Selsey. And where will the jobs be, after all Pagham is a village and there are no jobs so it inevitably means more people will commute, thereby dramatically increasing traffic with the resultant increased congestion.*
8. *This is prime farming land and should be used only for the production of food.*
9. *I believe the development includes a community centre/hall, Pagham already has a Pagham **Village Hall**, close to the development, and is well supported and used by the local population, another is not required*

I have lived in Pagham for 14 years, and the attraction of moving here was the rural nature of the area, the wildlife, the open fields, and is the very fabric of what is attractive in this village and why I enjoy this way of life. It will be absolutely ruined by this development and it will be nothing short of scandalous to grant this planning application. There will be no strategic gap between towns and villages, it will all just merge to become one huge housing estate, and will lose the identity and very soul of a village environment.

What makes it even worse is the other proposed developments in Hook Lane (350 houses) and Sefton Road (250 houses). What on earth makes you think Pagham can cope and just what are you thinking in even considering this application.

Yours faithfully

Mrs S J Ling