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Dear Sir:

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

I am lodging my objection to the above Planning Application on the following grounds:

The village of Pagham cannot sustain this planned development either economically or environmentally. There is no infrastructure to cope with a development of this size;

Flooding is also an issue, Pagham flooded in 2012 and with all these houses it is just as likely to happen again. What about the problems with the coastal erosion and the ever growing possibility that Pagham could be flooded from the sea?

What about traffic? Pagham Road through Nyetimber is always busy now with cars parked on both sides of the road, not to mention the HGV lorries on the road. The Pagham Road is narrow, it is a winding, country road, all the way to the A27. We cannot cope with a massive increase in traffic that 400 more houses will bring? There is also a considerable rise in traffic between March to October with Church Farm Holiday Village, which will be yet another problem for the Pagham Road.

I understand a primary school will be built, but what about children attending secondary schools, can existing schools cope with the additional pupils from this development?

Doctors, dentists and hospitals will not have the resources to cope with a massive population increase. They struggle to cope at the moment, let alone with an influx of residents. I understand there is to be a doctor's surgery in the development. The Arthur Griffith Clinic in Pagham is open only one morning a week as there are not enough doctors and nurses, where will the extra doctors, nurses and support staff come from to open another surgery?

There are many unsold homes in new developments in neighbouring Bersted, Felpham and Selsey. There are no jobs in , it is a village so it inevitably means more people will commute, dramatically increasing traffic with the resultant increased congestion;

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.

This is prime farming land and should be used only for the production of food, not for building;

Bartons Farm is very close to the nature reserve and the wildlife that dominates its existence, and to build 400 houses in such proximity will devastate a wildlife area of natural beauty;

My husband and I have lived in Pagham for 25 years, we moved here for the rural aspect of the area, the open fields, the village atmosphere. It will be ruined by this development and approval of the planning application should never be considered nor granted.

Yours faithfully

Mrs H L Kent

