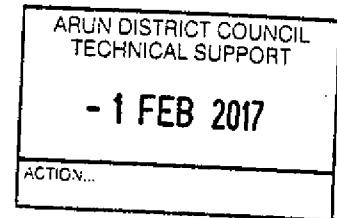


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Dear Sirs

Re: Application P/140/16/OUT

I would like to register my concerns regarding the above planning application.

I fully understand that all councils are under pressure from government to build more houses as there is a national shortage, but local conditions and whether the infrastructure will be able to sustain such building must be of utmost importance.

We here in Pagham and Rose Green are faced with three planning applications which is an awful lot of new housing stock for an area that has no immediate employment opportunities in the area. The houses being proposed will be mainly for families who will need to commute to work. This could potentially mean a further 1000 cars per day trying to travel along the Pagham Road. Now take into consideration our holiday makers that come down to Church Farm every year and the farm vehicles and that increases even more. No one can say that the Pagham Road was ever designed to take this number of vehicles and the dangers that already exist can clearly be seen by the number of cars that are regularly to be seen in the ditches. In an age when cycling is being actively being encouraged the Pagham Road will become an absolute death trap for those brave enough to attempt a journey on two wheels.

I am also very worried about the effect a large development will have on the problem of flooding that we have in this area. I believe that our drainage and sewer system is already under pressure to cope. We regularly see drains bubbling over after heavy rain with roads under water and it concerns me that we will experience much worse as the area becomes more developed. We were flooded three years ago purely down to the fact that the drains could not cope with the rainfall and as we face more uncertain weather due to climate change it seems fool hardy to put even more pressure on our water systems.

The plans offer a school, surgery, scout hut etc etc, but these are only put in the plans as sweeteners and once the building actually starts there will be no guarantee that any of these will be built. Where then will all the extra children go to school, if not local they will need to be taken (by car) to a school not in the area. Where also will these families go for a doctor? If they cannot get an appointment, which is often already the case they will clog up the A & E.

I am so worried that the infrastructure that is needed to sustain more houses in our area will not be put in place and once the builders walk away we here in Pagham and Rose Green will be left with the consequences and it will be down to poor decision making by our council. When I voted it was because I believed that it was for a council that would look after the interests of the residents, I am doubtful now whether that is the case.

