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1st February 2017

Dear Sir,

The residents of Aldwick, Pagham through the co-ordinating PAGAM focus group (www.pagam.uk) have asked that the cut off date for receiving letters of objection to P/134/16/OUT and P140/16/OUT be extended in line with the extension requested by Pagham Parish Council, for the following reasons :

- a) The addition of Summer Lane South (Bartons Farm) to the Sefter Lane development has added a level of complexity to the investigation of the documents that have been submitted by the developers as planning applications.
- b) The sheer size of some of the documents (Traffic Consultations) are over 700 pages long and have required the residents to try and find suitable professional people who are capable of disseminating the data into a format that can be understood more readily by residents.
- c) Both Arun District Council and West Sussex County Council have the advantage in having professionally competent staff whose job it is to understand and dissect these tomes. The residents do not easily have that facility.
- d) The residents would find it unacceptable if the above request was rejected, implying that the needs of the local community are being ignored which is in contravention of the statement made in the Ministerial foreword of The National Planning Policy Framework by Rt. Hon. Greg Clark MP Minister for Planning which states (direct copy from the document) :

This should be a collective enterprise. Yet, in recent years, planning has tended to exclude, rather than to include, people and communities. In part, this has been a result of targets being imposed, and decisions taken, by bodies remote from them. Dismantling the unaccountable regional apparatus and introducing neighbourhood planning addresses this.

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In part, people have been put off from getting involved because planning policy itself has become so elaborate and forbidding – the preserve of specialists, rather than people in communities.

- e) The cumulative effect of the developments at both these sites has the potential to dramatically alter the way that Pagham and Aldwick perceives itself as a place that had been chosen for people to move to, and enjoy its simple pleasures. These developments might destroy that very ethos and have a detrimental effect on its residents.

We need a reassurance that our wishes, aspirations and needs are not being ignored in this process, hence our respectful request that these existing deadlines as listed on your website are extended.

Your comments would be appreciated, and would be communicated to the residents of Pagham and Aldwick.

Yours Sincerely

[Redacted Signature] Committee Member PAGAM Group

cc: Pagham and Aldwick Clerks of the Council (also emailed to karl.roberts@arun.gov.uk)