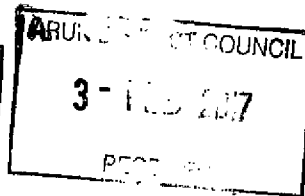
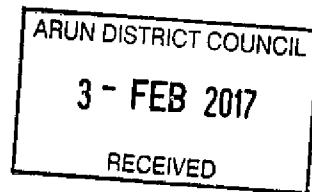


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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Planning Applications

No. P/134/16/OUT - Sefter Road (West of Lincoln Avenue)

No. P/140/16/OUT - South of Summer Lane (Pagham Road)

No. P/6/17/OUT - Hook Lane (North of Hook Lane)

I'm writing to oppose all of the above applications in the strongest possible terms for the following reasons:

Flood risk area

These areas are flood plains which are unsuitable for housing and would also adversely affect established buildings in Pagham opening them to a higher risk of flooding.

Traffic volume

Traffic is already at a volume unsustainable for the country lanes leading in and out of Pagham. Current traffic volumes are at capacity with private vehicles, delivery vans, buses (single and double deck buses), agricultural machinery (especially at harvest time), lorries, articulated lorries and finally cyclists taking their lives in their hands riding along these roads. Added to this, in the summer there is an increased volume of traffic with holiday makers travelling to and from Church Farm. During the winter with reduced visibility, there are frequent accidents with vehicles ending up in the ditches.

The articulated lorries in particular are too wide for the current roads. Travelling behind these vehicles, it is clear to see they hang over the lane markings which then forces oncoming traffic to drive closer to the verges on their side of the road - a fraction too much and the vehicle ends up in a ditch. Apparently, the volume of articulated lorries going to and from the farm sites is set to increase when farm expansion work comes into effect.

Should 500 houses be built, this could be potentially another 1,000 vehicles on the road as most households nowadays have at least two vehicles. However, I've recently seen the proposal is for in excess of 1,000 dwellings - potentially a minimum of 2,000 vehicles! which is totally unacceptable for our small country lanes.

### Loss of Grade 2 Farmland

Just at a time when we should be looking to increase food production on our own farmland, developers who are just after quick-term financial gain are looking to concrete over these areas. Brownfield sites should be fully utilised before any thought be given to building on farmland. Is this not a Government directive?

The rich alluvial soils of the flood plain in the Arun district area are prime agricultural land. The Manhood Peninsular grows ten percent of England's vegetables. We should be looking to maintain every acre of arable land for food production and to increase this capacity rather than concreting over one of our country's prime assets. Farmland is for agricultural purposes and NOT for the building of housing.

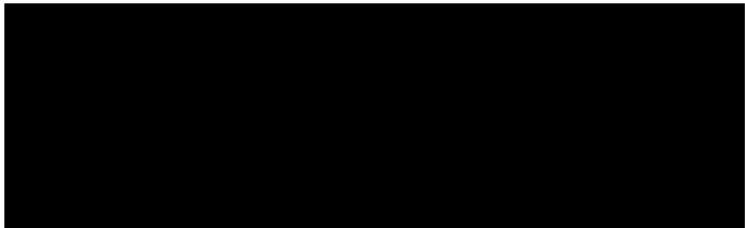
### Doctors, Hospitals and Schools

Doctors' surgeries are already at full capacity with long waits for appointments. How would they be able to cope with the extra demands? The same goes for the local hospitals and schools. Has any thought been given to these issues?

### Think also of the wildlife

The local wildlife (birds, hedgehogs and many other creatures) also have a right to retain their habitat. With the destruction of the farmland the wildlife will either die out or move to other areas (but where?) and they would never return - to our detriment. They can't demonstrate with placards and banners so we have to do it for them! Preserve their habitat! In the long run, we will benefit as well.

Yours faithfully,



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