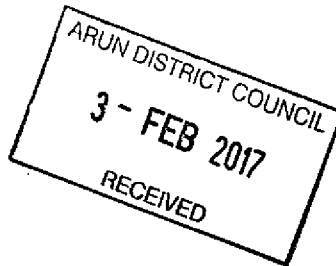


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Dear Sir

PLANNING APPLICATION : P140/16/OUT (PAGHAM ROAD)

I should like to express my strong opposition to the developments of 1300 plus housing units on prime arable land in this area, which will swamp the character and infrastructure of the existing community where I have lived for the past 34 years. In this objection I would particularly like to focus on the effect on roads and medical services if the plans were insufficiently scrutinised.

ROADS Numerous letters of objection have highlighted the gridlock already created on the local road system south of the A27, resulting from the ADC underestimation of the enormous increase in traffic density between Bognor and Chichester; itself mainly caused by vehicles from housing developments already completed near the A259 north of Bognor. This has resulted in our own roads already being used as rat-runs by stressed-out drivers trying desperately to meet deadlines for work, school, hospital and other urgent commitments, affecting our own local drivers similarly. The agro-industry Barfoots of Botley, with many huge vehicles oversized for the road system, provides many additional obstructions & hazards.

The online Development Framework Plan shows two access roads to the residential sites within the Pagham Road Development P140. We were glibly told by the developers that cars from the 400+ residences would filter N. into the traffic in Pagham Road – i.e. joining the bumper to bumper queues through the Nyetimber bottleneck to the A27. However the evening rush hour would be even more horrendous since all traffic returning to the residential estates would need to take a right turn into the access roads; if they faced vehicles from the south, an enormous back-up of traffic would be created almost immediately, extending up Pagham Road towards Lagness and further north.

I would also like to draw your attention to the fact that an ADC flooding contingency plan for Pagham published in outline last year in the *Observer* suggested residents would need to be taken off by boat since it would be anticipated that flooding would make the lower roads impassable. I am therefore astonished that you would even momentarily consider the area appropriate for new housing!

MEDICAL SERVICES

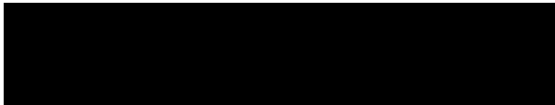
The original proposal for the development included an optimistic plan for a doctor's surgery until it was pointed out the Grove House surgery had been unable to fill GP vacancies over several months last year so that the staff were 4 members down; this caused great stress and pressure both to the practice, doctors and to the increasingly aging population of patients. Booking an appointment is already a hurdle

although the receptionists are generally as helpful as possible. Queues of patients gather outside at around 8.00am before the surgery opens at 8.30am to try to obtain a free slot with the doctor they request – but it is difficult to imagine how a total of around 1,300+ new patients could be accommodated within the Grove House practice.

Regarding hospital services, the new NHS Crisis Tracker, available through the organisation 38 Degrees, allows users the possibility of entering their postcode to see how the NHS is performing in their area. My own Pagham Road postcode shows that 13% of patients in the area have to wait more than 4 hours to be seen in A & E (the official government target is a maximum of 5%) while there is a £864m funding gap in the our area – so once again we are creaking at the seams.++

These great difficulties will not evaporate; and it is only too obvious that a huge influx of new residents into Pagham under the present plans, although superficially generating welcome revenue, would at the same time cause untold problems which would revisit the ADC as well as the Pagham community.

Yours sincerely

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Angela MacTavish, MA