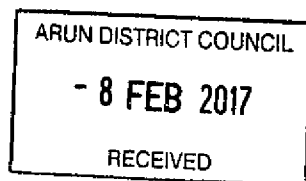


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Dear Sir,

Re: proposals for P/134/16/OUT - SETTER ROAD (250)
P/140/16/OUT - SOUTH SUMMER LANE (400)
P/6117/OUT - HOOK LANE (350)

We are writing with concerns re: above proposals. We should like to raise numerous objections & will attempt to categorise into groups. There may be some overlap. "this area" relates to vicinity of proposals. Anything outside will be noted.

Flooding - Majority of areas have already been previously agreed as "at risk" of flooding &/or flood plain areas. Not purely through increase in water-table levels, but from inlets tidal problems & coastal erosion. There are on-going issues surrounding this in the Pagham area - mostly @ this time towards the beach area. In the last 5 yrs especially, the community as whole have experienced far more flooding: On the roads - incoming to village - roads around, including Setter Road & B2166 (@ end of Setter road - field site) and within gardens, homes (mostly seeping through under-ground-level ^{via} air blocks. The Inglenook Hotel alone has had to pump out ground floor waters, as have other properties on Pagham Road & avenues around.

Drainage has been insufficient to cope with amount of water & back-up has occurred. We've experienced blocked drains, flooding through village itself & into Nyetimber. Ditches have over-flowed out & up onto roads & this has left some impassable on numerous occasions. If able to pass, it has taken extra time as only "single line" of traffic able to pass @ a time. On occasions, including main road to Pagham, have been

totally cut off, some closed (B2166): totally due to such² increased flooding in latter years. This affects not only main road in, but all other 'rabbit runs' as no other way out of area.

Attempts to dig ditches etc esp. around Hook Lane / Sester Rd etc, have not made any difference and unresolved problem still occurring - Without extra 1000 homes to think of.

Conservation/
Environment/
Appearance

The flooding & tidal problems have caused (already), issues for local homes already.

Especially those along the beach front. There have also been recognised issues / difficulties

regarding protected species in this area - + around the harbour (that prop. Summer Lane could impact). Various protected species, mostly birds + snails, are known. We are on edge of recognised AONB + due to this, and sea-side, are a popular, well-known tourist destination.

The proposals will change completely the outlook of our countryside & open land spaces. We currently all experience far-reaching views from all those areas. It is also well-established prime farming land. Any loss would not purely effect local sustainability, but nationally too.

The impact of total change on this rural area, even 'purely' in respect of look, cannot be ignored. Not only from a local perspective, but in regards of farming & needs of the country as whole, and as a viable holiday destination.

Traffic - One can now expect to wait @ times, over an hour in traffic from Pasham Rd village - to get up to Hnston Roundabout. It impacts on health / length of time driving / pollution / time out of home attempting to get to + from work. This is an area of around 5 miles. Put in a set of traffic lights, as has been very common for / due to flooding, and / or mains works etc, and the majority of time, attempting to get up / down Lagners Rd on down to Pasham Road, is absysmal.

If one becomes 'stuck' behind a cyclist or brave pedestrian, this wait becomes even longer.

There are no continued pathways - safe or otherwise - between Paghman Road & Hurston Road & nobody can safely walk / cycle even with level of hedges as is. With plant areas & farms, these people are put @ higher risk.

Traffic would increase hugely - even more than of late.

The infrastructure and roads in this area are already in a state of disrepair & not sufficient as is. Further heavy rain / frost etc always adds to this difficulty. We are either held-up with traffic lights on a single track rd - in attempt to mend pot holes - or we risk damage to cars when they've been left unattended.

We also do not receive assistance with gritting lorries once snows have fallen. They have stopped @ Hurston & we have, in Paghman & Nyetimber, been then cut-off, or roads either too dangerous with snow or ice, to safely negotiate. We have, quite literally, been 'snowed in.' We are a rural area. It is not sustainable to put a further 1000 homes in an area with few facilities and insufficient roads / infrastructure to manage. This is farming & green belt land.

Schools / Facilities Whilst discussion re: extra facilities for younger children (+ OAPs) has been put forward, there is no consideration for the cumulative effect this will have on the area.

There are insufficient high-school places to deal with potential influx of extra younger years moving up. The NHTS is also pushed to limit especially in mainly rural, or semi-rural vicinities. There are no other services to counteract these proposals in respect of attempting to manage a seriously pushed, & failing, local community health service. District nurses in Begnior cannot

safely manage clients already on lists.

The surrounding areas, including towns/hospitals/main A27 cannot manage further development in these boroughs. It is insubstantial, for proposals already made & agreed, in other local areas. It would ~~off come~~ increase traffic @ high-level, transport times - in am. + pm. Thus, even further delays to 'escape' Pagham.

Pagham/Nyetimber/Rose Green will all 'merge'. There will be no definition between these villages and no specific 'space' or gap between. They would turn into a town. There must be a definite gap between areas.

Sewage /
Noise /
Smells

Our small local sewage facility is already overburdened as it is. When we've had heavy rains, the surrounding smell is putrid & of human waste. It is not sustainable to expect the extra level of houses, & drainage alone will increase further water-table and potential

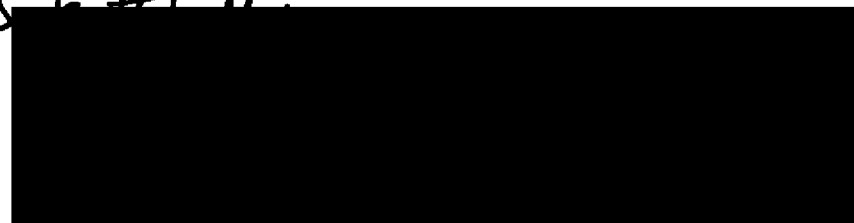
further flooding to homes/gardens & work places. We lost huge amounts of local growth the other year through extensive water damage & then areas that could not be used as still not fully drained. All this put extra hassles and 'smells' into our area.

There would automatically be even more noise with traffic - especially during building with heavy duty plant. We will then have further delays even getting out of our properties and onto main road, then increased cars, increased delays, increased noise, increased pollution from cars. Noise will of course generally go up once any homes built. As changing from fields & farm land to houses. We are entitled to a level of peace in home environment, this would change significantly regardless of the use of "soft boundary hedging" etc.

In all, what was ~~currently~~ previously thrown-out for all noted reasons, is currently being foolishly considered without a decent infrastructure in place and the ability for all people to come about their business in a peaceful + efficient way, it ends up chaotic, busy, noisy, higher levels of waste/smells and what was countryside, is lost again to further development for monies. These small 2/3 villages will end up a town and sprawling housing development not supportive of health/schooling and the other cumulative effects it will have on this rural community with already recognised and documented into re: flooding ^{risks} especially.

We are not in agreement of placing any of proposed sites here, so far down 'the spit' and away from A27 & A259. With further proposals from quarry/school/link road at A27, this area will become a rat run and even harder to get anywhere. What is currently a reasonably quiet + peaceful rural position changes forever. We should ask these proposals be reconsidered and placed appropriate to other more available / accessible services within an infrastructure that is not broken down or totally insufficient to cope as it is here.

Yours faithfully,



M+N Hall