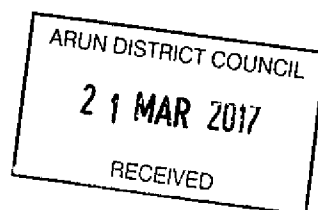


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16th March 2017

Re: P/140/16/OUT (Pagham Road)
P/134/16/OUT (Sefter Road)
P/6/17/OUT (Hook Lane)

Dear Sir

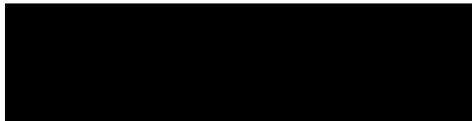
I am writing in objection to the planned housing developments which are proposed for the Pagham area which are listed above. These developments are totally unsustainable for many various reasons.

- 1) The quantity of housing proposed over three sites would be approx 1500 homes. This would alter the character of Pagham from a village to a town.
- 2) Our farmland is of grade 1 & 2 which is excellent for growing various crops which in the current economic climate we should be continuing to cultivate. Both for our export trade and to reduce the need for importation to help the economy. The farmland opposite us on Pagham Road is also a feeding ground for large flocks of Brent Geese during the winter period.
- 3) Services are also paramount, such as doctors, which our local surgeries have trouble recruiting and keeping medical staff. Hanbury Developments have passed the decision to NHS West Sussex as to whether another medical centre would be needed!
Our hospitals would and are being put under extreme pressure to cope with the large population increase as there are other large developments in the surrounding area already being built. Our local hospitals of Bognor Memorial and St. Richards are already greatly stretched. Hospitals in the surrounding areas ie; Worthing would not be an option in an emergency situation.

Schools would surely need to be increased, nursery, infant and senior to cope with the children that such large developments would bring. All children need and deserve an excellent and extensive education and not a make do and mend in already oversubscribed schools.
- 4) Traffic and roads. These are narrow and winding country roads which are already extremely busy with not only cars but heavy HGV vehicles and tractors going to Barfoots who are also requesting to enlarge their site which again increases large volumes of HGVs etc.
The proposed developments would mean an increase of approx 3000 vehicles as most households have two cars plus visitors and extra trade vehicles. Cyclists at the moment take their lives in their hands on these roads and I fail to see where these cycle lanes that have been proposed will go as it is impossible for the roads to be widened.
The wider aspect of this is the A27 which cannot cope with the existing and increasing traffic. The planned A27 bypass has now been cancelled which will lead to complete gridlock.

- 5) Air pollution and flooding. The air pollution would significantly increase and I know personally the effect this can have on your health. Not only will it affect the community but also the extensive wildlife, as large areas of habitat will be destroyed. We have not been allowed to blow the spit in Pagham Harbour which will flood several houses and yet these developments would destroy valuable acres of land. The flood risk has historically been and still is very high, we have been refused insurance even though we are further inland. Added to this flood water from Chichester is diverted into the rife just down the road at Lagness and also Southern Water on a regular basis discharge sewerage into these waters.

Yours faithfully

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VJ Sheppard