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Sent: 16 March 2017 17:46

To: Nigel Croad
Subject: re: Proposed Pagham Road housing development

Dear Mr Croad,

The following is a copy of my objection to a proposed housing development in Pagham, Bognor Regis, and I would be grateful if you would give it your kind attention. If you agree with the points that I have made therein, I would be very grateful if you would lend your backing to putting a stop to this proposal which the entire local resident population feels is totally inappropriate for this area.

Thanking you in anticipation

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March 3rd 2017

To: Assistant Director of Planning and Economic Regeneration, Arun District Council

Re: Application Number **P/ 140/16/OUT**

Dear Sir,

With reference to the proposed development in Pagham Road, I would like to register my objections.

I have lived in Rose Green Road since 1987, and have worked as a driver for the local Hospice for 10 years, making me extremely familiar with the traffic flow and conditions in the Bognor/Chichester area. When starting work at Chichester at 9am it is now necessary to allow up to an hour to get to work on time. Most of the journey is in first gear and the fuel wasted, plus the pollution caused by all this traffic is surely a huge cause for concern. All of the proposed dwellings in this development will probably house at least one person of working age, and as there are very few jobs available within the Bognor area all these people will have to travel out of town to find employment. I foresee a complete gridlock occurring in the near future if the proposed houses are built. As a guide, when I leave my house I am generally down to first gear around the Seftor farm entrance and certainly by the time I get to the Royal Oak pub when using the Pagham Road route to Chichester in the mornings.

I understand that the government has now scrapped plans for a Chichester by-pass. Please put any plans for developments which may house commuters on hold until a by-pass is built, and the lower road between Bognor and Chichester is widened.

I am a patient at the Rose Green Surgery, and it is nigh impossible to make a doctor's appointment by telephone. You have to wait outside the surgery as it opens to stand any chance of seeing a doctor that day. This practice obviously has too many registered patients, and I hear the same about other local surgeries. Can you ensure that the new residents are all healthy enough not to require the services of a doctor?

Like many other houses locally our home suffered a degree of flooding in recent years, the water coming up to within 2 cm of the damp-proof course. Is it a good idea to build more houses in an area prone to flooding?

Others will tell you about the substructure of the local soil, and it's unsuitability for building upon. Surely it is no coincidence that all the local houses which surround this development are either bungalows, or chalet bungalows?

I understand that there is a certain pressure put upon you by Central Government to build more houses. I would ask you to question whether:

- a. There will still be a need for so many more houses if, post Brexit, immigration declines. It is important to note here that the indigenous population of this country has actually declined over the past few decades.
- b. Regardless of the future population level, the sources from which we obtain our foodstuffs may not be reliable in the future, particularly post Brexit. Is it really a good idea to build housing containing consumers, on grade A farm land which, due to the Chichester Basin Microclimate, is currently producing one of the highest yields per acre in the country? Surely we need to maintain this output in order to make us independent of foreign producers who may very well need their produce for their own populations in the future?

In my job I have conversed, over the years, with literally thousands of local people. The subject of local development has been the single most talked-about, and I have yet to meet a single person who is in favour of these developments. Surely public opinion should hold greater sway within a democracy?

Yours faithfully,

Richard Burrows