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Dear Sir

PLANNING APPLICATION P/140/16

I refer to the above planning application and write to strongly object to this development being built in Pagham.

We moved to Pagham some 15 years ago with a view to having a stress free retirement. At that time the village was easy to access from the Pagham Road with little parking either side of the road into the village itself. The experience now is that every day there are problems in trying to navigate from the entrance into and along to the end of the village as there are so many cars parked either side of the road. My thoughts are that if this development goes ahead you will not be able to enter the area safely – I would liken the transition now as being on the "dodgems" – weaving in and out of the cars.

As an example, in recent months there were two large vehicles delivering to Tesco, another large vehicle delivering beer to the Inglenook and also a bus at the bus stop. Everything came to a standstill and it was chaotic. I can envisage this scenario as the norm if there are more cars coming in and out of the village. It is an accident waiting to happen! All this is happening in the quieter winter months.

The situation is much worse from March to November when Church Farm Holiday Village is open. The volume of traffic increases tremendously during this period. Building another 400 homes along this part of the Pagham Road, together with a school, is going to lead to more and more traffic in the area.

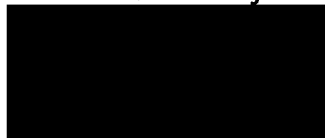
This aside, you have to address other very important issues:

1. That you cannot get a doctor's appointment now without having to wait weeks. What will be the situation with further homes being built. We do not have enough doctors at the surgery - a situation that is cropping up all over the country. There is also the issue of how local hospitals will cope with another 1000+ people living in the village and surrounding area.

2. The fields in the area already flood. If more homes are built where is the water going to go? Pagham is likely to become more and more prone to flooding.
3. It is said that we need more homes for young people. This is something that I would not disagree with. However, where are these young people going to get work? There is no large volume of work in Pagham or the surrounding areas for the number of people we are talking about. This means that anyone moving into the area will have to commute. Hence more and more traffic going through the village and this will lead to more and more congestion on the Pagham Road and the roads leading to the A27 which are already horrendous at peak times.
4. If a school is built on the Pagham Road site, we then encounter the "school run" situation which is already a problem in North Mundham when children are being ferried to school during the rush hour. Again, more and more cars coming into the village from the surrounding area. Also, what happens when these children attending the Primary School have to move onto Secondary School? Where will they be accommodated? Are the developers planning to build a Secondary School as well?
5. Now we move onto Sewerage. Is the sewerage plant in Summer Lane able to cope with all these planned development in the area? I would have serious doubts about this. Is there a plan to build a new sewerage plant? If so, where will be this located.

These are some of my thoughts on the Application which I would strongly recommend Arun Council to turn down.

Yours sincerely

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J E Humphries