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Sent by email

Dear Jenny,

Pagham Housing Sites – Traffic Study by 2020 Consultancy carried out on behalf of the Parish Council

I have reviewed the Traffic Study prepared on behalf of the Parish Council and comment as follows:

- i. The study suggests that its purpose is to determine the existing capacity of the road network and then identify the impact that development traffic will have on this capacity. However, there is no attempt to quantify what the existing capacity is on any part of the road network, nor is there technical analysis that would confirm the effect on queues or delay.
- ii. It has been prepared without any recognition of the joint cumulative capacity assessment work carried out by the traffic consultants for each of the developments – which does indeed set out the impact on queues and delays. There is no acknowledgement that the approach taken by the consultants has been agreed by both highway authorities (HE and WSCC) and that the results have led to a mitigation package being agreed with both authorities.
- iii. The study suggests that no consideration has been given to the impact on the A27 strategic road network yet much of the three developers' assessment work deals specifically with this issue.
- iv. To accommodate the development traffic the study suggests mitigation costs; however, these are provided without any reference as to what highway measures are being suggested and the basis for determining such costs.
- v. It is evident to me that the study brief was to reach a conclusion that on transport grounds the amount of housing proposed for Pagham should be significantly reduced.

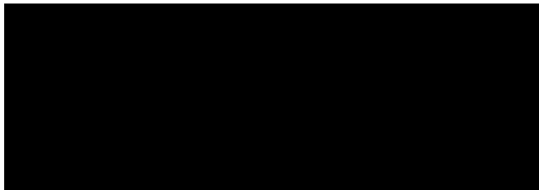
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- vi. However, the study is not reliant on any evidence to justify this claim. This study is not in line with the Transport Assessment Good Practice Guidance which requires an evidence base approach.

My overall conclusion is that the report is lacking in any evidence to justify a reduction in housing for Pagham. It makes no reference to the work underway by the applications' consultants nor their discussions with WSCC and HE as the highway authorities. It is my opinion that the study provides no basis for the Parish Council (or anyone else) to form a credible objection to the proposed developments on highway grounds.

Should any of the above not be clear, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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Director

