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Neil Crowther,
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Arun District Council,
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Dear Mr. Crowther,

APPLICATION NO: P/140/16/OUT
Land South of Summer Lane and West of Pagham Road, Pagham

Thank you for your letter of 25th July 2017 advising me of an amendment to the above application dated 3rd July 2017.

However, I can see no substantial changes which deal with my strong objections to the initial planning application contained in my letter of 17th January 2017, which I have summarised below.

My main concern is road congestion. The only direct road from Pagham to Chichester (B2166) is a narrow winding country road which already suffers from severe traffic congestion and has a poor safety record (viz we frequently see vehicles in the ditches and fields). In addition to cars the road is used by increasing numbers of heavy goods vehicles, tractors and farm machinery and bicycles. A difficult mix. Any increase in traffic is unsustainable. Finally accessing the A27 is becoming more and more congested. Access via Vinetrow Road at the Bognor roundabout is a dangerous nightmare already.

The other infrastructure issues include flooding both from the land and the sea. In addition the drainage and sewer system is already under pressure to cope. Additional housing will exacerbate this.

Local community services such as hospitals, doctors and schools are already stretched to capacity.

The site comprises prime agricultural land which will be lost forever if the development is allowed to go ahead. We need to be more, not less self-sufficient in these uncertain times (Brexit).

This proposed development will also completely swamp the current character of the village as a pleasant place to live.

For these reasons I strongly object to the proposed housing development which is totally unsustainable and inappropriate and should not be allowed to proceed.

This proposal together with the ones for land north of Sefter Road and 80 Rose Green Road Pagham, and the Hook Lane site are untenable individually and collectively.

Yours sincerely,

R. Burfoot

