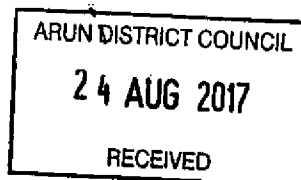




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Dear Sirs,

Planning Applications Bartons Farm (Pagham Road) P/140/16/OUT &
Church Barton House P/25/17/OUT.

I am writing yet again on behalf of Pagham Ponies Horse and Pony Sanctuary to voice my objection to the proposed developments listed above.

Having viewed the amended plans it would appear that the main areas of works have substantially remained the same. However I do note the addition of an access road into the field at Church Barton House which suggests provision for the future development of this area which I understood has not received approval.

My next concern is that of the wildlife habitats. I appreciate that surveyors have been monitoring the area, as I have met them, but I do not feel that have visited often enough to be able to determine the diverse wildlife found on this site. I have however been here every day for the past 10 years due to my horses. Each of those years Brent Geese have stopped in these fields where wheat has been grown however this year, when the surveyors were visiting, wheat was not grown and therefore the Geese did not stop. Slightly convenient don't you think and in the developers favour too! Also, due to the limited time the surveyors spent on site, I do not believe that they saw the many herons that stand along the ditch catching food, the timid weasels and stoats or the water voles that live in and around the ditch. Last year Kestrels nested in the trees. I have been honoured to see the lifecycles of all these and many more animals and this extensive development will prevent this from happening in the future.

I am at a loss as to why prime agricultural land would be considered for housing. We need to be able to provide enough food to support ourselves. If development of farmland continues this will not and may already not be achievable. We need only cast our minds back a few months to the effect the floods in Europe had on our supermarket shelves. With the onset of Brexit surely we need to ensure we are as self-sufficient as possible.

There are many other brownfield sites which should be developed before farmland but I assume that these are more expensive to build on and therefore not so appealing to the developers!

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I do not feel that the flood risk has been properly addressed. The current proposal shows the existing ditch running through the development site. This ditch does not flow properly and regularly silts up in several places leaving the ditch full after rain. It remains this way for a considerable amount of time with the surrounding ground water-logged. I see no indication of how the increased hard landscaping and water displacement the development will produce will be dealt with and am concerned that the risk of flooding to the existing area including houses will be greatly increased. The existing sewage works is also running past capacity.

The existing roads are already over capacity with long traffic queues at peak times. The increased housing will only exacerbate an already precarious traffic situation with seemingly no plans to address this either.

It appears that this development has no consideration for the existing village or its inhabitants or for the flora and fauna that it will be wiping out. This development is being looked at in isolation without its impact on the wider area being properly resolved.

Yours faithfully

Mr N Mundy

