

4 Church Lane,

Pagham PO21 4NS.

15th November, 2017.

Dear Sir,

Planning applications P/140/16/OUT,

P/6/17/OUT, P/134/16 OUT and P/25/17 OUT.

Please append this letter to previous letters of objection that we have sent you.

I am seeking an assurance that you have regular consultations and information sharing meetings with your colleagues in Chichester. This week local residents have learnt that northbound on the B2145 road between Hunston and the Chichester bypass will be closed for 7 days. This is to facilitate the building of the new Free School. Can you imagine what chaos this is going to cause. Vinnetrow Road, Merston Lane and Apuldram Lane will all be clogged with traffic. But it is only for a week.

What will happen when the Free school opens in 2018 with its 1200 pupils. It is not an easy site to walk to, there is a bus service but clearly most pupils will be driven by car. Currently in the mornings traffic trying to access the Chichester by pass from the B2145 frequently backs up to the Spotted Cow pub in Hunston and to Mundham school on the lower Bognor Road. When the Free school opens just picture the number of vehicles wanting to turn right into the school in the mornings and then wanting to return back to the B2145. It can only compound an existing problem.

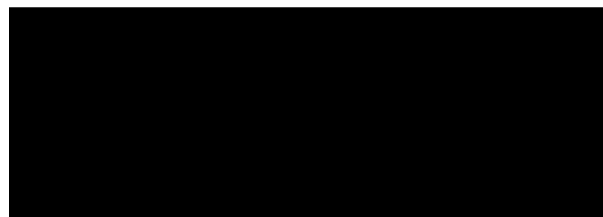
In the meantime you officials at Arun District Council are sitting on the above 4 planning applications which amount to a possible 1200

new houses. This could be 5000 more people in the village including 1000 school age children. Where will they go for their education?, where will those seeking work go?. Clearly they will have to travel. Have you thought how many more cars this would put on our already overcrowded roads?. Have you thought what further chaos this would cause on the B2145 at its junction with the A27?. Are Chichester DC aware of this possible explosion of traffic?.

We have previously written urging that no new houses are approved in Pagham until the drainage system has been modernised and updated. We now urge that no new houses are approved in Pagham until the overcrowded local road system has been resolved.

As local ratepayers it is very hard to drum up any patronage for the abilities of the Arun District Council Planning Department. There feels a complete lack of joined up planning. The lapsed Local Plan of 2013 mooted 130 new houses for Pagham which most villagers considered reasonable. How come in 2017 we are faced with an increase of over a 1000. What possible reason, apart from Arun achieving quotas, could there be for such a huge increase. Please reject the above applications and restore our belief in sensible, locally consulted planning policies.

Yours faithfully,

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