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To: Planning
Subject: Bartons farm P/140/16/OUT, Church Barton house P/25/17/OUT

Please find below my objections to the above two planning proposals, I have included both because they are in the same location.

Firstly as I am sure you are aware the area is potentially a flood plain, the ground on this area is in a constant state of saturation, and very rarely dries out,

All that has stopped more flooding over the past years is the growing of crops in these fields, the last two years no winter crops have been grown and so the ground has remained saturated, what will happen if you allow these developments to go ahead is the soil will be replaced by concrete, and the water in the soil will be displaced and because the drainage in the area is extremely insufficient due to no maintenance over the last ten years or more, and the Rife is already at capacity, the water will find another course, and that will then put existing properties in the area at increased risk of flooding, I have had prior experience of this happening because I spent my working life in the construction industry, predominantly in ground works, and have seen it before,

Secondly allowing this development to proceed will also have a profound effect on the wildlife in the area, I know you have done your surveys, but I have been on site for ten years or more, every day, and your surveys do not cover everything, simply because they do not spend enough time there to see all that occurs on and around the sites, I speak to the surveyors and they are usually only checking on one or two specifics, I.E. geese, and not on all forms of wildlife which I might add are prolific. many species migrate from the Harbour area to feed, and nest there, because of the abundance of food sources, particularly birds of prey hunting for the small mammals that thrive there. and many species of finches frequent the established hedges for the abundance and variety of berries that grow there. all this will be lost if the development goes ahead.

Then we come to the Pagham Ponies, these also live there, they are a small group of horses and ponies that I have rescued from various forms of, Neglect, Cruelty, Abandonment, over the last ten years, I have sought to rehabilitate them, which has been successful in many and still ongoing in others depending on the issues they suffer due to mans lack of understanding of these magnificent creatures, I have done this alone up until about 2 years ago and I had not made the public aware of their existence simply to protect them and allow them to adjust to a life without malice, however they are now well known by many and appreciated as an asset to the

community they attend various events in the area on request, so the children and adults can meet and appreciate them, they are a great success wherever they attend, We also have people from places like the Aldingbourne Trust come to site, and various other persons with learning disabilities, or mental health issues, or autism, and these people benefit greatly for spending time with the ponies, as part of their therapies, both the people and the horses benefit each other, My hope was to enlarge on this interaction so as to benefit many more of the less fortunate of us that need it,

But if these developments go ahead then not only will the ponies lose their home, the community will lose a very valuable asset, an asset I might add that is none profit making, the service the ponies provide is free to those who need it. Many of the ponies cannot be rehomed, either because of issues they still suffer because of previous life, or too old, or on medication, none of which is their fault, they live as a family and need to stay that way because they rely on each other, but no where in the proposals has any allowance been made for them, not that I expected that to happen but I would be pleasant to know someone had considered them.

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