

Meadowsweet
Summer Lane
Pagham
Bognor Regis
West Sussex
PO21 4NG

23rd April 2018

Dear Sir / Madam,

**Re the Pagham Rd, development P/140/16/OUT and the infill
Church Barton House P/25/17/OUT**

I write to express my strong objection to the two proposed developments detailed above.

My family for several generations have lived in Pagham village and have enjoyed the village atmosphere, which is now threatened by these developments.

A couple of years ago I attended various meetings about a planning application to put 100 houses on the land to the right of my property in Summer Lane which was approved and at that time I was told that the 100 properties would be sufficient to meet Pagham's housing quota and no further large developments would go ahead in Pagham for 10 years at least and now only a couple of years later further developments are being considered. What is left of our countryside and prime agriculture land is now in danger of being taken for housing, which is not needed as there is no employment locally to support it.

It is WRONG. We do not want more housing in our village. We want the land to continue to be farmed as it has been for many, many, years. The food produced is needed much more than more houses. The wildlife will be adversely affected. Every year I witness the brent geese and other wildlife on the fields planned for development. The migrating birds (brent geese) depend on the fields for their survival when they arrive here on their travels. Only last week when the proposed site P/140/16/OUT was being ploughed ready to be planted I witnessed 100's of birds following behind the tractor eating from the upturned soil, something that will cease when houses replace the fields.

Pagham nature reserve is very close to where the proposed housing will be and the impact could be devastating for the wildlife.

The flooding implications of building so many houses is yet to be known for the surrounding houses and the local area. As the fields are at a higher level than the houses in Summer Lane I have very real concerns that there could be flooding implications for the existing houses in Summer Lane. Summer Lane already floods when it rains and it will only get worse.

The road infrastructure cannot cope now let alone if all these houses are given approval to be built. The Pagham Road to Chichester is already a very dangerous road with huge articulated lorries on it continuously (one a minute leaves the farm I believe). The traffic queue to Chichester in the morning rush hour is a joke queuing almost back to Pagham now let alone what will happen when the free school opens soon as well as all the additional traffic that will be created by all the additional properties proposed. The residents of Pagham will be forced to live in one great big traffic jam. How will this affect the emergency services if they are required to get somewhere in a rush. People's lives could be affected if the road system is not improved to accommodate all the extra cars that will be generated by the proposals.

Only last week I visited a friend in Kent and was amazed at how under developed the countryside was once I got past Lewes. Why is West Sussex and Pagham in particular being asked to accommodate many more houses than other counties all of which are to the detriment of the village its agricultural and wildlife?

In the last couple of years Arun District Council has given planning permission for homes on three sides of my property and now a fourth application has been put in front of my house meaning that if permission is approved planning permission will have been given for homes all around my property. This is very wrong and should not have been allowed to happen. The value of my home has dropped over night and I am now faced with building sites all around my home for a long time to come.



Paula Hilton