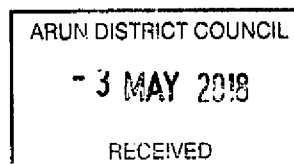


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Dear Sirs

Re planning applications :

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I would like to register my continued objection to the above planning applications. It is obscene that the destruction of such fabulous fertile land is even being considered when there are plenty of other sites that could be developed but are seemingly being ignored.

The reason why Pagham has such good quality farming land as I'm sure you are aware is due to its micro climate and the high water table which aids irrigation. The high water table becomes very evident when we have prolonged rain, we see it clearly as the fields become water logged regularly and surface water is evident along roads. If these fields are destroyed the water will have to go somewhere. The developers try to mitigate against this with the use of SUDS which I believe are basically holding lakes. When the soil around these draining lakes are sodden, how can they possibly ensure that these in turn will not overflow? When Chichester was flooded many years ago the Flood Alleviation Scheme was set up which allows for excess water to be diverted from the river Lavant down to us here in Pagham and into the rife at a rate of 8 cubic metre per second and apparently only recently water was indeed diverted but at a lesser rate of 4cbm per second. Poor Pagham we do seem have water coming at us from all directions, even the sea is trying to invade! To cover four sizeable areas in concrete cannot possibly aid the situation, it will surely be only a matter of time before disaster will strike and then the cost to the community will be huge.

I also believe that to destroy these fields will cause irreversible damage to the wildlife. The developers have been keen to refute the existence of Brent Geese in the area and it might be said have even used underhand tactics to support their reports but the locals know and indeed have photographic proof that they use the fields in large numbers to forage. It is also known that there are lizards, bats, water voles and reptiles that are to be found within the areas being considered for developing and destroying their habitat would be an act of barbarism. Could you ensure that any or all of these species would survive even by adopting the mitigation measures being put forward by the developers? After all they will only be suggesting the bare minimum requirement as they will not be held accountable for any destruction to our wildlife.

There are so many other reasons why these developments are not suitable or even rational and these have been raised in the many other letters of objections that have been written. I feel that most people in Pagham and Rose Green would welcome a development that provided homes for local people at affordable prices and on a scale that would be of in keeping with maintaining a

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village environment. What we don't want or need are large developements of executive style houses which do nothing to help the young or those on a lesser income. Come on Arun, please act on behalf of the community you have chosen to serve and not the greed of all those involved in these planning applications.

