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Dear Mr Easton,

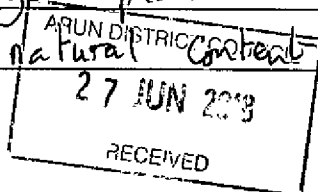
Planning Applications Nos P/140/16/OUT & P/25/17/OUT

I understand that the above applications are for the erection of some 450 houses in fields to the west of Pagham Road, based on the applicants' submission of an environmental impact studies which declare that the area involved is not visited by brent geese (or waders) for either foraging or rest, during the time they are present in the locality.

Their submissions are so lacking in validity - geese are recorded there annually & have been for a period extending into history, for some 50 years - that any so-called evidence they produce is liable to be suspect. Arun District Council surely can not base its decisions on such a flawed case, presented by the developers, & then subsequently grant permission for building, can it?

Pagham Harbour has RAMSAR accreditation & the fields along & adjacent to Pagham Road act as a buffer zone between village & harbour. The Little Tern colony there - it is an endangered species - is particularly important & of national significance. Extending housing towards it with the proposed massive housing expansion will have no positive outcome for the colony & is more likely to be negative. The council should think very carefully before it authorises the development.

Arun District Council surely cannot ignore the Government's directives & its drive for increased environmental diversity for Britain stated in its 25 year plan which strives to increase, not decrease, the natural context of our open spaces. Nowhere does it



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seek to diminish its green credentials

The conclusion is obvious. The site should remain protected. It should not be built on. Evidence presented by those opposed to the development should be treated fairly & if necessary those involved should be consulted to ascertain who is speaking & writing the truth.

Yours sincerely

