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Dear Mr Crowther,

Although I have written many letters, and been to many meetings, it seems from the recent result that the first stage of the planning for development P140/16/out in particular the Pagham Road project, has gone through. I therefore feel that another missive is necessary to make a last ditch attempt to try and appeal to your better nature, if you have one! I find it difficult to come to terms with your casual and callous dismissal of Pagham residents opinions and feelings.

As I am sure you are aware Pagham is a very small historic village (origins date back approx 1200 years) bordered only by sea and countryside with wildlife in abundance, including thousands of birds which overwinter on the harbour. Why would anyone in their right mind want to spoil that!!!

I understand there is a need for some new homes, but why this site when there is a perfectly good site at Ford with room for approx 5000 homes and with a direct line to London!! And, with far fewer residents to upset, you could fulfil all your targets with the minimum of problems.

The village is very small and does not, realistically have room for all the new people and increased traffic. There are few facilities except peace and quiet, and a beautiful nature reserve and no room to build more.

The consequences of what you propose will be catastrophic for wildlife and in some measure to residents alike. I realise you do not care about the residents as at one of the meeting, either you or one of your colleagues spoke on the lines of, "Well, most of you won't be around in a few years so what are you worried about?"!!

But, we do care about preserving the countryside and our way of life.

Many of us moved here in retirement because we liked the peace and quiet in Pagham, not to mention the beautiful views, so, what gives you or anyone else the right to spoil it for us? I was under the impression that councillors and politicians alike, were elected by us to act on our behalf, it seems I was badly mistaken.

The present infrastructure is not robust enough to sustain this development, and there is no room to alter this, Southern water has stated that it is not possible to provide much more in the way of water and sewage facilities, and the Police have said they do not have the resources to police the area either.

Why do you continue to stubbornly persist in this venture when the sites are just so unsuitable, and once built on there is no going back and the land and village will be lost forever.

It will become a long traffic jam/ corridor to the A27 as there is no work etc. here and no prospect of any in the future as THERE IS NO ROOM FOR FURTHER EXPANSION!!! Even the public transport stops at around 8.30pm in the evenings 6pm on Sundays!!

Presumably you are prepared to sacrifice our small corner of the world just to keep our wonderful government happy.

It has been brought to my attention that you are always more than willing to anything you can to help the services in Littlehampton and that area but you obviously are prepared to dump all the new homes on us, regardless of the impact, I assume few of the planning committee live in Pagham !

In conclusion , I am sure you will ignore this letter or send a reply full of platitudes to justify your actions as you have done in the past but nevertheless I thought I would make a last ditch attempt to try and change your intractable position,

Yours Faithfully

