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Dear Sirs

My name is Diana Orde and I live at 74 Pagham Road PO21 4NW which is directly opposite the above proposed development sites which were given outline planning permission in 2018. I believe P/153/21/RES and the Barton Site are currently being considered for amendments.

I reiterate my previously raised concerns regarding the lack of infrastructure in the area with pressures on doctors surgeries and hospitals, lack of dentists and school places, with the road network which is currently completely overwhelmed without further inevitable increased traffic. In order to travel the 6 miles to the A27 at Chichester, all the traffic has to negotiate winding country roads with current gridlock at commuting times of the day. Any further increased levels of traffic if more houses were built would make it impossible.

On top of the above mentioned extremely worrying difficulties, flooding in the area has increased considerably. Our family moved to the Pagham area in 1974 and to Pagham Road in 1984. Last week Pagham Road near to the Pagham Village Hall and St Ninians Church was far more flooded than I have ever seen before **(in the 48 years that I have resided in the area)**. Before any further consideration is given to the above mentioned planning proposals an urgent technical survey needs to be completed regarding the water levels and in particular the direction of the water flow across the aforementioned sites. I firmly believe that this information was not correctly ascertained when the outline permission was granted. If we are experiencing this amount of flooding on to Pagham Road now before these sites have been developed, surely all the houses along Pagham Road could be flooded if the aforementioned vast numbers of houses are built on the adjacent fields. Another consideration is that I believe there is no access to the Church Barton House development site.

I had understood that after a very wet Autumn period causing the flooding of Chichester in the mid 1990s, the huge scheme which was developed diverting the River Lavant water away from Chichester to Pagham was so that the water could be 'safely controlled' via the sluice gates at the entrance to Pagham Harbour. We were told that the Pagham Rife would be kept clear to facilitate this, but it seems that it is just left, so the water overflows from the rife and from the ditches which are also left to fill with accumulated rubbish. These localised flooding issues are on top of any further flooding concerns caused by the climate changes.

Please take notice of the residents in the area who can see the detrimental effects these proposals would cause.

Yours faithfully

Diana Orde