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Readers Notes to accompany this document

P/140/16/OUT now P/153/21/RES as shortened in this document to P/140 and P/153

P/139/22/RES is referred as P/139 (Church Barton House)

OUT is Outline Application ; RES is Reserved Matters ; DOC is Discharge of Conditions

Main Evidence Base P/188/22/DOC Pagham Parish Council dated 3rd. February 2023

Please study drone footage photos carefully on accompanying text for reference to same

Arun DC is Arun District Council the Local Planning Authority (LPA)

Please use annotated plan in association with this document

Dear Sir/Madam

You don't know me but I really need to talk to someone who will try to understand what it is I'm trying to explain in great detail about the disaster that is fast approaching the Pagham Harbour Reserve.

You are no doubt aware of all the proposed developments in fairly close proximity to the reserve.

But are you also aware that the proposals put forward by both the developers and planners will not protect the foraging geese at all.

The contrived proposals are completely misleading.

I have tried several times to explain to both the ADC planners and indeed Natural England about this, But neither are prepared to look into the situation instead just blindly accepting the word of the developers because they promise funding to alleviate the problems.

Well money will not protect the geese, and their numbers will dwindle even more than they have these last five years because the land owner and developers have tried to starve them into mitigation, but that has failed, because as soon as winter wheat was planted again, back they came, as they have for many many years.

I've been privy to the fields for 18 years as I keep rescued ponies there, and it is such a great pleasure to watch at sunrise the geese emerge from the safety of the harbour to the South West, and set off to forage on nearby fields.

The flocks circle over the proposed development fields, then settle and begin their steady march across the sward taking in much needed sustenance, until dusk calls them to return to the safety of the harbour.

But I digress, I fear that this spectacle will become a thing of the past, because developers and planners apparently don't care about the geese or the harbour.

A few years ago the land known as P/140 on the Pagham road was offered up for development, arguments ensued about various aspects, and the proposal was put on hold for various reasons, most prominently the presence of the geese on those fields.

Applications were entered, and Natural England accepted Condition 30 on P/140 which states that NO works shall be undertaken at all until the geese were mitigated in perpetuity. However, their view has radically changed to the point of a full objection as it was realised with extensive aerial research that the mitigations cannot work in the Winter due to the Pagham Rife spilling laterally onto the mitigation fields damaging by extensive flooding the Winter Wheat cropping that was supposed to sustain the Brent Geese. Pagham Parish Councils excellent objection to the finalised later application for discharging the condition with respect to the Geese finally proved that the Mitigation Fields were completely ineffective. This is worth studying on the following application number on the Arun Planning portal P/188/22/DOC dated 3rd. February 2023, which was followed by that application being withdrawn on the 28th. April 2023. It should be noted that the developers relied heavily on the fact that few people could even access the mitigation fields to argue the point so until Pagham Parish Councils report in detail, there was a very unprofessional view taken that no one would be able to challenge the developers Ecologists. As a final point on this important issue, a Mr. Giles Binyon of Pagham had already proved this misdirection years earlier but was robustly ignored by those in authority, but detailed proof of that research is available for perusal on application. The latest aerial footage 2024 (also available as evidence) shows the mitigation fields devastated by flooding AND no geese.

The landowners and developers have tried to mitigate the geese for over 5 years.

They've attempted utilising fields in the valley to no affect at all (see above), never a goose on those fields, then they resorted to using bird scaring techniques on the P/140 fields, which was then forbidden. They also left the fields fallow in a bid to starve them away, they even killed off an adjacent field of wheat so the geese didn't get too close to the development site P/140.

None of their tactics have succeeded, this year wheat was again planted on the proposed development fields. And lo and behold the geese came back, it's in their DNA.

The problem that is occurring now is not these P/140 developments, it's all about the development on Church Barton land, P/139, a proposal that snuck in on the back of P/140 even copying their ecology plans, which is believed to be in breach of copyright of the original editors report.

But this development, P/139 does NOT afford any protection for the geese, because condition 27 was placed on this development and not condition 30. This was strangely a modified condition that left the proposed developers the ability to wriggle around the condition as they have on several others in the area.

The developers for P/140 put forward their solution to the geese by saying that they would erect hedging and fencing along the western boundary of P/140 which would protect the geese that forage on the neighbouring field.

But they failed to point out that the geese do not, and have not ever foraged there, they forage on P/140 North and South fields and originally the middle portion as well, itself a separate application now.

The Church Barton application P/139 are using this plot to claim this fencing/hedging (which is shown on the P/140 plans) will shield the geese from Church Barton, they have been convincing enough for Natural England to accept their proposal and for Arun DC to approve the plan (on the 18th. January 2024)

I've tried to explain to both Natural England and the planners at Arun DC of this deception but because I'm not a statutory consultee my input is not considered important enough.

Attached is a plan of proposed development here, I've sent this to all concerned, it clearly show (if they would bother to look properly) that Church Barton is actually a part of P/140 (Strategic Site SD1) and the proposed hedging/ fence (highlighted to the left of the proposed development P/140) is nowhere near Church Barton, and will offer no protection to the geese whatsoever.

The red arrows are the sight lines of the foraging geese and as is plain to see they go straight through Church Barton field, so any activity on that field will disrupt the geese, it's essential that condition 30 be imposed on Church Barton correctly to address this disparity but the planners do not take notice of me as I'm considered unimportant.

Nor does Natural England, but maybe they might take some notice of others with more influence.

This is important for the sake of the geese and their role in the eco system of Pagham Harbour.

Document for distribution to interested relevant parties

SOS Sussex Ornithological Society Conservation Officer

RSPB Royal Society for Protection of Birds

SOSCA Save Our South Coast Alliance

Arun District Council for attachment to Planning Applications P/140/16/OUT ; P/153/21/RES
P/139/22/RES ; P/188/22/DOC

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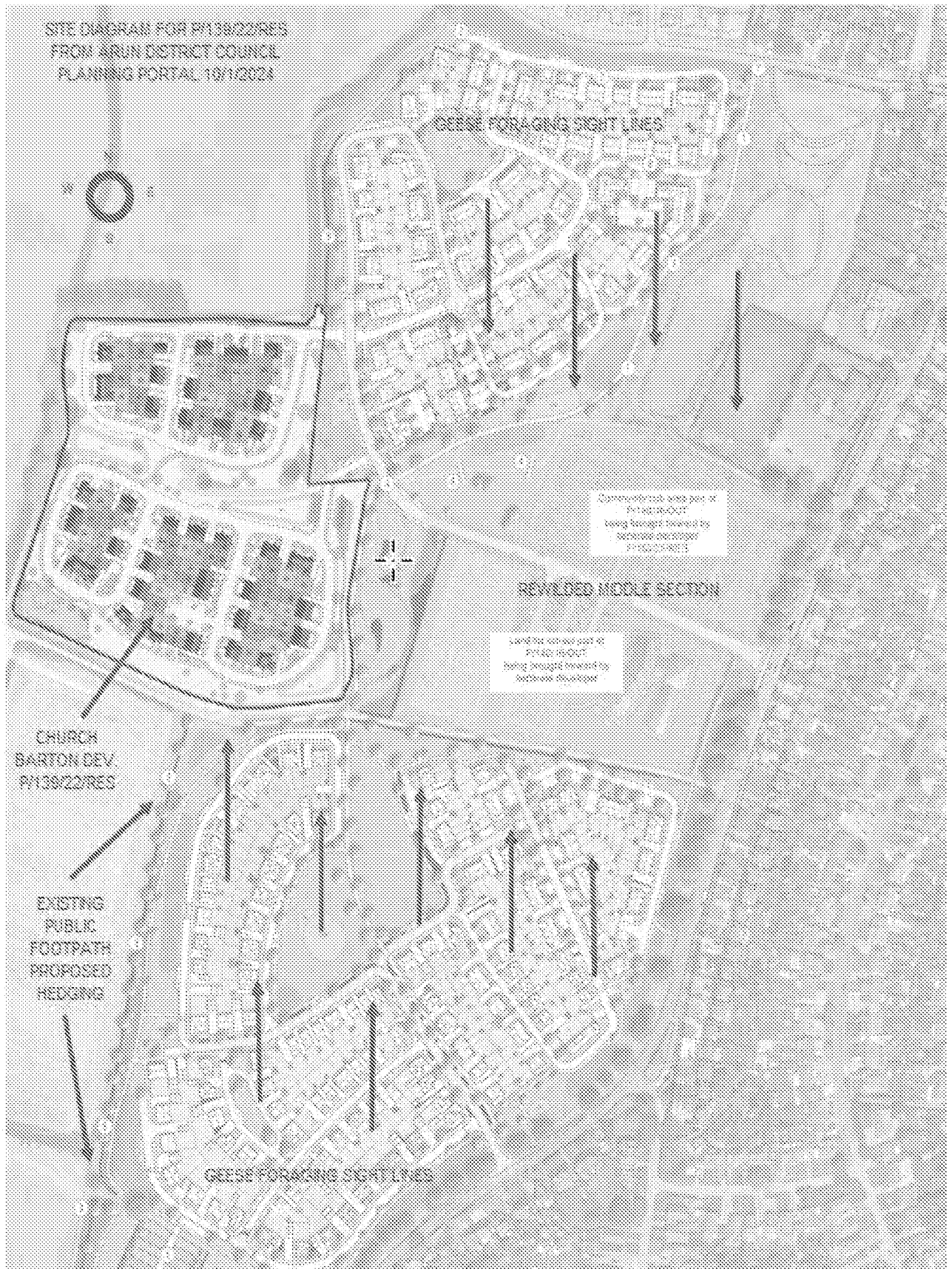
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Interested relevant media sources for part publication.

Yours Sincerely

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SITE DIAGRAM FOR P/139/22/RES
FROM ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL
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P/140/22/out now P/153/21/Res

P/139/22/Res last heard as P/48/23/NMA

(Church Barton house)