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Attention ADC Planning Dept.

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Could I please register an objection against P/153/21/RES as I have huge concerns over the future of the Pagham Harbour Nature Reserve, especially the plight of the Brent Geese that usually visit these development fields each year. It is a Material Consideration as the Outline Planning permission was agreed (amongst other things) after Natural England believed that the Mitigation Plan drawn up by the developers ecologists for P/140 so that the geese would have somewhere else to forage would be adequate to replace the fields required for these developments.

After looking on the planning portal, I noticed an objection from Richard Cowser who is the Conservation Officer for SOS (Sussex Ornithological Society) who had written a report saying that the Mitigation plan over 2 winters had failed due to the mitigation fields being flooded and the winter wheat unable to grow.

I regularly walk a dog around these areas and have noticed the absence of the geese which seem to roost in the harbour and then fly away from Pagham to other field's maybe. This certainly ties up with what Mr. Cowser is saying, it is only this year that they have planted winter wheat on both of the development fields but only time will tell if the wheat grows quick enough for the geese to go back to their rightful home, at times we have seen what we were told was thousands of geese on these fields feeding.

Also I noticed on the Planning Portal that Natural England had said they had NO OBJECTION to the developments now, with only 4 lines of text covering the Brent Geese issue, this is surely unacceptable to the future of the Nature Reserve.

After going to the RSPB website I found out that this Reserve has, LNR, SSSI, SAM, MCZ, RAMSAR and SPA accreditations so how can ADC ignore these long list of protections, RAMSAR site covers Brent Geese, Curlews and other red listed birds yet you are totally prepared to lose this status because of housing you wish to allow on top grade agricultural land.

I am also fed up with it taking up to 45 minutes to drive 7 miles to get to Chichester and getting stuck behind bicycles due to the road being unsuitable as well as difficulties in getting doctors, dentist and hospital appointments, surely the infrastructure should come first ?

Could you please also make sure this objection is placed on the following additional application numbers as an objection as the criteria remain the same.

P/167/21/RES P/155/21/RES P/158/21/RES Thank You



Mrs. P. Hilton