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Dear Sir/Madam,

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015

Application No: P/1/21/PL
Site Address: Land at Summer Lane Pagham
Description of works: Material change of use of land from agricultural use to use for open space. This application is in part a Departure from the Development Plan, affects a Public Right of Way & is in CIL Zone 5 (Zero Rated) as other development.

Thank you for your internet representation made on 18th February 2021 which has been recorded as support with the comments as follows:

OWPC33908

I fully support this application:

As Pagham, especially Southern end of Pagham is on a flood plain, it is well documented how severe the flooding is on all surrounding field, which makes them completely unsuitable for housing, another reason that this land should remain an open green space, as more housing developments would be susceptible to high risk of flooding, and in future could become uninsurable.

There is an extreme lack of infrastructure in sewage management and road infrastructure if the current plans for some 620 dwellings were to go ahead, which is why a material change of land would have much less of an impact on road infrastructure and sewage as there would not be an increase in local population density on this site and the need to arrange supplementary sewage processes.

As Pagham is a semi rural village, it is blessed with rich agricultural land, which not only supports the much needed food supply, but all supports a whole host of biodiversity that use this land as a wildlife corridor in a era of mass housing developments, which squeezes wildlife that was once spread far and wide, now into small pockets of land restricting their access to both food and safe passage around the growing urban environment. Reclaiming this agricultural land as a natural green space not only for local residents, but local Wildlife, especially migratory birds such as Brent Geese, Curlew, Lapwing, Black Tailed Godwit is of vital importance.

The material change of land to an Open Green Space / Allotment would reduce the impact of overdevelopment taking place in Pagham and ultimately reduce the traffic and disturbance to the Pagham Harbour RAMSAR and SSSI.

Health and Safety - Removal of Pavement - which is vital to safety of residents that live here and use it for their daily access to local shops, work and exercise.

Elderly and disabled residents would be at the highest risk as they may not be as mobile, and by removing this restricts safe passage for residents who most need it.

The Global Pandemic has made it very clear that having access to local open green space is vital to mental well-being, whether it be exercising, wildlife watching, breathing clear urban free air. Being out in open green spaces is a well known way to de-stress, improve physical health and improve your self-esteem. In a time where both Wild Greenspaces are declining at an unprecedented rate and our mental health has been challenged beyond belief, we should be reclaiming green spaces, not building over them.

Your views as made above will be considered before the application is determined.

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Any comments that are received after the agenda has been finalised will be separately reported to the members of the Development Control Committee.

Regardless of how the application is determined I will notify you of the decision.

Yours sincerely



Neil Crowther
Group Head of Planning

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