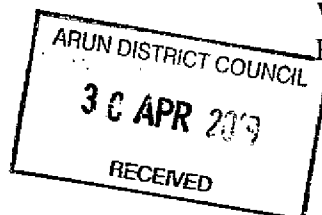


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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: P/30/19/OUT – Hook Lane (New)

I am writing to strongly object to the above housing development.

The agricultural land on which this housing development is being proposed is amongst the finest in the country. Coupled with the particular climate of this area, this prime agricultural land must be protected, used for growing crops, and not built on. This is especially important in the light of the Brexit uncertainties.

It is well documented that Southern Water has released untreated sewage into Pagham Harbour. Pagham Harbour is a RSPB Nature Reserve and Site of Special Scientific Interest. To add housing developments to a sewage system which is already inadequate and unable to cope at the moment is irresponsible and dangerous to both humans and wildlife.

It is also well known that Pagham is a flood risk area and has a very high water table. I remember only too well a few years ago when localised flooding occurred all over Pagham when the surface water drainage system could not cope with the rainfall. The flood risk will be increased by the proposed housing development.

The road system will not be able to cope with the additional traffic. Pagham Road past Barfoots and the B2166 is already seeing increased traffic due to additional HGV movements. This is already a very dangerous road. It lacks a cycle lane, there are numerous accidents, and cars often end up in the ditches at the side of the road, etc. The Developer's proposed junction on to the Pagham Road between what are already dangerous junctions at Hook Lane and Seftor Road will only add to the dangers. In addition there is already heavy queuing junction on this road at rush hours.

The A27 Chichester By-Pass is already a nightmare. The A27 East West flow of traffic is often at a standstill. Crossing the A27 in a North South direction is very difficult and dangerous. This whole situation will be made worse by the increased traffic movements due to the proposed housing development, and will be exacerbated if the Oving traffic lights are closed. The problems created by the traffic problems on the A27 has a serious knock on effect for traffic for Pagham due to the

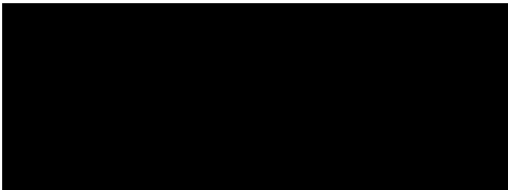
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problems of accessing it either from the B2145 at Whyke Roundabout, where the new Free School has added to the problems, or from the Vinetrow Road at the Bognor Roundabout, which is already very dangerous. I do not think any housing developments should be allowed in Pagham until the A27 improvements are completed or a Northern relief Road is built. An additional potential hazard will be the rat runs on local residential roads.

Climate Change protests in London have dominated the news recently. Whatever we may think of the tactics of the protesters, the message has been very important and the fears very genuine. The Swedish teenager Greta Thunberg gave an inspiring speech to M.P.'s in Parliament on the subject recently, emphasising 'you did not act in time'. This proposed housing development will increase air pollution in Pagham to very dangerous levels at certain pinch points, and also generally increase air pollution in the district due to the rat runs which will develop.

For the above reasons I am strongly opposed to the developers planning application. It is important to 'act now' to stop it.

Yours faithfully,

A large black rectangular box redacting the signature of Colin Wood.

Colin Wood