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To: Planning
Subject: letter of objection to the new application to build houses at hook lane

Mr R.A.Burrows, 138 Rose Green Road, Bognor Regis, PO213EF [REDACTED] 12/05/19

To: Arun District Council Planning Dept., Arun Civic Centre, Maltravers Road, Littlehampton

Hook Lane Development Ref No: P/30/19/OUT

Dear Sir

I have lived in Bognor Regis for most of my life, and have seen it grow from a group of small villages around a seaside resort into a sizeable town. I think the following points are relevant:

1) The surrounding farmland, including the field on which these houses are proposed to be built, is the richest, most fertile land in the country. As the effects of climate change bite, the overseas sources from which we buy our food will dry up. We simply must retain as much farmland as possible to feed our growing population.

2) Pagham has generally been a place to retire to, and the people that are of working age have traditionally had a problem finding work locally. This has meant travelling out of the area to find work which has become a major problem. Bognor is situated to the south of Chichester which is on the main coastal route, the A27, and this has to be joined in order to travel anywhere else.

Access to the A27, which is an extremely busy road, is by roundabouts. Entering these during rush hour is notoriously daunting and hazardous. To get to these, Bognor commuters have to travel on a narrow, winding country lane with multiple farm and nursery entrances. As there is no cycle path on this road, you can expect to meet cyclists as well as tractors and HGV vehicles. In the morning the tailback often means up to three miles in first gear, and accidents occur on this road almost daily. If local housing plans are approved, thousands more cars will be forced onto this road.

3) My elderly father, who lives just outside Pagham, [REDACTED] He was taken to the A&E at Chichester hospital. He spent six hours in a bed in the corridor because there was no room to attend to him properly. He then wanted to see his own doctor but had to wait over two weeks for the appointment. The local hospital and doctors' surgeries cannot cope with an increased local population.

Our schools have the same problem; a Pagham child wanting to attend a secondary school now has to travel miles to get to the Felpham school as the local (Bognor) school is full.

4) Most local properties have experienced some degree of flooding in recent years. The site of this proposed development is mostly under water during the winter months. This water, together with that produced by the new residents will have to go somewhere. Not down the drain however: the water authorities are already emptying raw sewage into the river and thence into the sea because the sewers cannot cope as it is. This is a seaside resort; do we really want raw sewage in the sea?

The proposed development is clearly not sustainable and cannot be allowed to happen.

Yours Faithfully

Richard Burrows