

Dear All

I attach a Copy of my Briefing Paper to Pagham Parish Council regarding the review of the ALP 2018 that a number of you have requested I provide.

Briefing Papers to PPC regarding Housing land supply and delivery in the district (in view of the concerns in some quarters re numbers), the Pagham applications and the related appeal will follow separately shortly. Please feel free to make this publically available and circulate as you wish. This is, as you know, an important and urgent matter and the public will be interested to see as many views as possible so I reserve the right to comment further if (and I say they should) Officers produce public reports discussing same in the July Committee cycle. Non public reports to private meetings of member groups are not, in my view appropriate as the public has a right to see and comment on what Officers are advising members and decision makers and there is already historical and justified concerns about a lack of openness and transparency at Arun and it is to be hoped that the new administration will seek to address this.

For what it is worth my simple (and admittedly less than professional – for that read my report) advice to Officers is wake up, smell the bacon embrace the new political realities and start working with the public, the new administration and the Independent member group so as to facilitate the review that they all want in an open and transparent way rather than wasting time, energy and your limited resources fighting them through rear guard actions!

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