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REF. DEATH OF DEMOCRACY.

Dear Mr. Lynn.

Please accept copies of correspondence I have sent to Mr. Robert Jenrick regarding my opinions and observations in regard to the highly contentious planning proposals for the Village of Pagham. I felt it respectful to inform you although you will be well aware of the strength of protests that have been expressed in the several thousand of letters received by A.D.C. As it is highly probable that you would not agree with almost everything I have written over past three years I do not expect a reply.

Yours faithfully



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Ref. R.I.P Democracy.

Dear Mr. Jenrick.

I am writing this letter to you in the forlorn hope that you will seriously look at the large scale housing schemes being proposed for building in our tiny village of Pagham in West Sussex. If all these plans are given the go ahead it will mean the wilful destruction of huge areas of top grade food producing agricultural land. The applications for these huge housing estates are being put forward by the seemingly all powerful untouchable Construction Companies who are using Conservative Government demands for more & more housing to apply huge pressure on weak and vulnerable local councils such as Arun District Council to completely capitulate to their applications.

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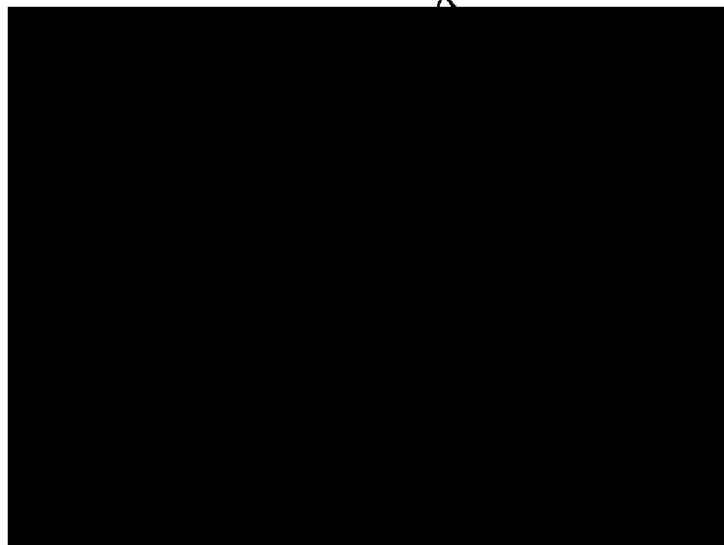
These rapacious housing applications for our small ancient village of Pagham are not only outrageous in the numbers proposed but are in complete contradiction to the present Prime Minister Johnson's recent statements that house building should not threaten our precious irreplaceable greenfield sites. I enclose copies of some of the letters I have had published in our local newspaper and the contents of those will convey the examples of the type of protest letters that Arun District Council have received. Thousands in number! Please look into the undemocratic way the people of our beloved village of Pagham are being treated in the name of so called "new age" politics. I have to mention that my life span of Prime Minister covers from Winston Churchill to Boris Johnson and a stand out fault of Theresa May's reign was a complete failure to understand what "Old School" conservatism means to

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Now looking forward to a return
to real conservative values and
principles under Mr. Boris Johnson P.M.
I look forward with expectation
to your early reply in the near
future as time to act on these
outstanding unsustainable application
is running out.

Yours Sincerely



Arrogance to genuine fear

What unbelievable arrogance Arun District Council is displaying in its attitude towards the Pagham residents genuine fear and concerns that the proposed massive housing estate applications will bring if the go ahead is given to any single one of them.

Arun District Council's disregard for the very people they are supposed to represent in favour of complete and utter compliance towards an out of touch Government is disgraceful.

What ever happened to the Government's promise that the will of the people would be listened to when planning applications were being sought?

Has not the Government itself given a clear signal to stop this mammoth house building madness by turning its back on any proposal to ease the horrendous traffic gridlock on the Chichester A27.

ADC's apparent determination to turn Bognor Regis and its surrounding villages into the largest building site in Sussex is beyond comprehension.

What seems to be rarely discussed is how the infrastructure, hospitals, GP surgeries, schools, transport, employment prospects we presently have, would be able

to cope with the extra 11,000 men, women and children that 4,000 dwellings will bring into our tiny corner of West Sussex. More madness!

With areas of the world back in the news struggling against extreme food shortage, I find Arun District Council's blatant enthusiasm to allow vast areas of some of the most fertile crop growing agricultural land in our county to be concreted over as completely unacceptable.

Our Government and councils should be doing their utmost to ensure we become more self sufficient in food supply instead of having to rely on other countries to feed us.

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6/4/2017

28/9/2017

Protestors not all 'nimbys'

As Arun District Council rest up from completing their version of a local plan which includes a strategic housing plan to build thousands of homes across our small corner of West Sussex, one might be forgiven to assume that ADC will reflect a self-satisfied admiration for what they have produced.

The thousands of protest letters that ADC have received objecting to the outrageous number of homes proposed, particularly in the Pagham and Aldwick areas, has not in any way seemed to have diminished ADC's desire to completely roll over to Theresa May and Savid Javid's demands to saturate our countryside with massive amounts of housing projects.

Whatever happened to the Neighbourhood Plans that hours, weeks and months were spent on by honourable parish councillors?

Now disregarded as though it was only a good thing at the time. Why has ADC been so arrogant and contemptuous towards the villages and villagers who have genuine concerns over flooding, traffic chaos and concreting over thousands of acres of prime food producing agricultural land?

Where are the teachers, GPs, hospital doctors and nurses, already in a supply crisis, going to come from to service the massive increase in population that all this housing is going to create?

Almost all the workplace jobs needed for the huge influx of new residents will be sourced from outside the area to where the housing sites are being proposed.

The A27 already constantly gridlocked, hundreds of new daily traffic movements will cause even more mayhem.

It is nonsense to dismiss all us protesters as 'nimbys', we are the people who have

lived in our villages for years and know full well what the outcomes will be should these proposed huge building sites get awarded planning consent.

Perhaps the Conservative government, who are applying so much pressure on our councils to capitulate to their demands, should reflect on where their arrogant approach to the last election got them.

Please, Mr Nick Gibb, stand up for the many people who constantly vote for you and please put forward the genuine concerns we have over the ruinous local plan to Mr Savid Javid.

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Negative impact on village life

May I urge the residents of Pagham/Aldwick area to send in their opinions on the outrageous huge housing development being proposed for Sefton Road site, planning application no P/134/16/OUT.

It matters not if your opinion is of a small or bigger nature but please make it known by writing to: Assistant Director of Planning and Economic Regeneration, Arun Civic Centre, Maltravers Road, Littlehampton, West Sussex BN17 5LF.

If this development is given the go-ahead, it will have a huge negative impact on village life as we now know it.

It will also set a precedent for all the other developments being lined up for a green

light to be given. Be warned, these developers are deadly serious.

You have until February 2 to respond.

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20/1/2017

Construction chiefs laughing

Prime Minister May's recent speech once again reinforces her grim determination to apply extreme pressure on local councils to roll over to the outrageous demands of land agent speculators and the almighty powerful national building companies. It would seem that the present Conservative government is offering a free hand to all these so-called property developers/speculators to build huge housing estates wherever they want, whenever they want and in whatever numbers they choose to.

- You only have to look at the proposals for the Pagham/Aldwick area of West Sussex to confirm the sheer arrogant confidence these companies displayed at the various public exhibitions they set up previously.

If these proposals are given the go ahead it would mean swathes of top-grade fertile food-producing farmland being concreted over forever.

Is there a single other European country showing such utter disrespect that it would even allow such monstrous proposals to even be considered?

Has Prime Minister May, Arun District Council or even our own MP Nick Gibb forgotten that they belong to a Conservative Party that once believed in the important principle that the UK should put itself in the position of being able to feed itself wherever possible?

The proposals to build these huge housing estates on acres of agricultural land in the Pagham/Aldwick area are just part of the many concerns that have been signalled up by the residents of the two villages.

The areas of concern are increased risk of flooding, sewage disposal, surface water relief, inadequate and antiquated drainage systems, totally insufficient road network to cope with the thousands of additional car and commercial vehicle movements, huge increase in air pollution.

The population increase of several thousands would put unsustainable pressure on our schools and health surgeries.

Where are the additional teachers and doctors going to be miraculously conjured up from?

I might also add that the language Mr Sajid Javid is quoted as using is extremely unhelpful to say the least. Why are politicians so eager to blame us of an older

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encouraged to move onto a university education, will eventually leave with debts of between £30,000 and £50,000 which could prove to be just a small stumbling block when applying for a first-time mortgage.

Lastly a mention for the mythical affordable homes that the builders like to use in their proposals. Laughable.

Sadly the only people laughing are the construction company chiefs, all the way to the bank.

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generation for the so-called 'housing crisis'?

Perhaps they should look at some of the policies that at some of the previous governments have made, which have contributed to the housing shortage such as the population surge of some three million over the last decade and still increasing by some 300,000 per annum.

As for our young people not being able to get onto the housing ladder, do they not think that thousands of students, who have been

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Council failed to resist threats

Following a couple of months of extremely hot and dry weather our present Conservative government has suddenly woken up to the plight of how the farming industry is suffering and how vitally important food production is to all our lives.

Take note of Mr Gove's recent comments.

So where do all of these warnings fit in with Theresa May's ruthless campaign and with a local plan approved by a government-appointed Mr Dakeyne and fully supported by 38 members of Arun District Council, to swamp our small corner of West Sussex with huge unsustainable housing estates.

The construction companies involved have taken full advantage of a dumbing down of planning laws and regulations which have allowed a build

anywhere, in whatever numbers and whenever they desire situation to exist.

What utter hypocrisy the likes of May and Gore display when they talk about the importance of food production in our country when they are actively pursuing a policy which is intent on destroying vast swathes of our precious top-grade agricultural land, of which they pretend to care about.

A total disgrace for which their 'strong and stable' government will never be forgiven. Unfortunately, a weak and compliant Conservative-dominated ADC has totally failed to resist the threats and bullying from central government to comply with their demands for thousands of houses to be built in Pagham, Aldwick and Bersted.

The thousands of letters protesting against these monstrous proposals have been swept aside as

meaningless and have already probably been filed away in a container labelled 'village idiots'. This is how democracy is valued in 2018.

We should be proud of the magnificent PAGAM movement's efforts and the support given by the several thousand passionate residents who still believe in our English village way of life and are the people who will be most affected by the outrageous and downright dangerous proposals being put forward by Arun District Council.

This whole disastrous fiasco is a complete betrayal of a once great democratic Conservative party that held the belief that the protection of our precious countryside was of prime importance now abandoned by the government and district council in favour of a futuristic vision of tons upon tons of concrete.

These decision-makers know the price of everything

and the value of nothing.

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No answers to our questions

Having recently attended a packed out event at West Meads Community Centre, organised by the Pagham and Aldwick Greenfields Action Movement, who have been raising awareness as to what effects the current proposals for house building in the Pagham/Aldwick area will have on our current village life.

At this latest event a wide range of serious concerns were put to a panel of guests which included our local

MP Nick Gibb and Mr Karl Roberts, of Arun District Council.

Invitations to West Sussex highways and Highways England were apparently declined probably due to the widely used 'no one available' excuse.

Perhaps they had no-one capable of answering questions from a lively and well informed audience such as why they have no objections to a massive increased traffic flow that some 5,000 extra vehicle movements in and out of Pagham daily will produce.

The majority of this extra traffic will be on the already hugely congested Pagham Road and heading out to a constantly gridlocked A27.

With our local and major road network requiring millions of pounds of public money being spent to put right years of neglect can the highways division really believe that thousands of new homes with their associated car ownership will not have any further impact on our already overcrowded roads.

Mr Nick Gibb, replying to a question of where he stood regarding the proposals to build thousands of homes in our tiny corner of West Sussex, said he was against the actual number involved but seemed unable to confirm whether his protests would carry any weight against the Prime Minister's ruthless drive to allow these huge estates to be built even if it means that hundreds of acres of top grade food producing

furnland will be sacrificed to accommodate tons of concrete.

From one of the many questions Mr Roberts was asked his reply suggested that Arun District Council is powerless to prevent the huge number of housing developments that the current Conservative government, led by Mrs May, is demanding to be built in West Sussex.

Local Neighbourhood Plans have been scrapped and policies that once protected the rural environment seem to have been turned upside down to assist the almighty powerful construction companies to fulfil Mrs May's dream to have 250,000 homes built every year for the next decade.

Sympathetic to her plea to enable our 'young people' to become first time buyers the building firms involved are apparently promising to construct a large number of 'affordable homes' probably in the region of £250,000 per property upwards.

A fantastic prospect to the many young people in this area on an average take home pay of some £16,000 per annum, that if they can find employment.

I know sarcasm is the lowest form of wit but if all else fails.

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Why are they not listening?

How depressingly predictable was Mr David Jarman recently reported comments that the thousands of residents opposing the huge housing developments being proposed across the south of England are homeowners who are sitting on nice nest eggs and don't want to see the next generation go ahead.

Is the nice nest egg he mentions the same nest egg that he and his MP colleagues are continually planning to relieve us of in old age and death?

Instead of constantly classifying us as Nimbies, he should sit down and read the thousands of letters that Arun District Council has received in protest at the numerous amount of housing being proposed for the Pagham and Aldwick area of West Sussex.

Perhaps he would also explain why a Conservative Government has abandoned one of its age old principles of being guardian and protector of our green and pleasant land, now under serious threat from Theresa May's manic drive to also concrete over huge areas of prime agricultural land.

We are constantly being warned of food shortages across the world, so why is the government not listening?

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Council refuses to listen to us

The residents of Pagham, Aldwick and Bersted have recently witnessed how a tiny number of people serving as Arun district councillors have dismissed the thousands of objections and completely disregarded the genuine concerns that have been made against the horrendous level of housing developments that are now being given the green light to go forward.

To ease their own consciences, when it all ends in disaster, they have spent a fortune on outside consultants to come up with highly contentious opinions which are at complete odds with the concerns put forward by the real experts that Arun District Council have repeatedly refused to listen to ie the residents of the villages concerned.

These are the people who have lived in these areas for years and know the local environment, roads, schools, doctor surgeries, employment issues, community organisation and a love of the village life as we have known it for many, many years.

Watching fields being ploughed and sown, food being produced on some of the most fertile land in the county.

Greenfield and top grade agricultural land are now facing wanton destruction by arrogant large scale housing construction companies and speculators who present themselves as some sort of social enterprise outfits with promises to provide an answer to the homeless and hopeful young local, prospective first time buyers.

Their answer is to build affordable homes, starting in the region of £280,000 per unit. Where does this fit in with the average take home pay of some £15,000 per annum on offer to job seekers in this area.

The apparent legal vandalism to our irreplaceable food producing land is just one of the many legitimate protests expressed in the huge amount of letters sent in to Arun District Council.

Some of the other issues raised were policing, surface water drainage, sewage disposal, flooding, wildlife damage.

All these issues have been dismissed without any coherent answers. Perhaps it will be an all right on the night approach as suggested at a recent Arun council meeting.

The answer to the Pagham Road suitability to cope with the thousands of expected

daily vehicle movements as a result of these planned huge housing developments, appear to be treated in a similar way by West Sussex highways who are content that with minor alterations to junctions and roundabouts the Pagham Road (formerly a country lane) will be perfectly capable of dealing with all of the extra traffic.

The Pagham Road is already overloaded with private cars, delivery vans, articulated lorries and agricultural vehicles.

All these vehicle movements are already happening on a barely safe two car width stretch of road with a long history of accidents and fatalities. This road is already at saturation level and to try and pretend it is not is total madness.

Maybe Prime Minister May and her strong and stable government will come forward to convince the thousands of Conservative voters in this area that her dream of turning this small corner of West Sussex into one huge building site will be such brilliant vote winner come the next round of elections.

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20th / 10 / 2018

Treating land with contempt

As we witness the fruition of Prime Minister May's strong and stable government past memories of the late great screaming Lord Sutch and his official Monster Raving Loony Party come flooding back.

And to think nobody took him seriously.

But back to Theresa May and her relentless drive to force councils such as Arun District Council to capitulate to her government's demand to concrete over swathes of our fertile food producing agricultural land.

She has resided over planning laws and regulations constantly being downgraded to such an extent that these rapacious construction companies have been given an almost legal right to build these huge housing estates wherever they demand, in whatever numbers they want and whenever the market suits their maximum profit requirements.

With the taxpayer funded Help to Buy scheme reportedly keeping new house prices at an all-time high these large scale construction companies are making record profits.

To many prospective first time buyers in our area affordable housing is just a figment of imagination.

So forward on to our much loved local Arun District Council. I recently read a quote from Nigel Lynn, CEO of ADC, regarding the forthcoming elections of which he states the following. This is your opportunity to help select the representatives who will make the laws and policies that govern how we live in this district. It is the main way in which you can influence decisions about your local area.

Great advice indeed. So where does that last section of his quoted remarks fit in with the way thousands of letters protesting against the outrageous house building plans for Pagham and Aldwick areas have been routinely dismissed by Mr R Bower and his planning team at Arun District Council, of which Mr Nigel Lynn is CEO.

So let's have another try to get some explicit answers from Mr Lynn. Are ADC going to guarantee the extra doctors, nurses, dentists and teachers that will be needed by the new arrival of several thousand men, women and children to our area.

Will they guarantee that all these surrounding fields concreted over will not increase the risk of widespread flooding. Will

sewage disposal and fresh water supply be guaranteed not to be put at risk by all these proposed extra developments.

How will you deal with the thousands of extra car, commercial and heavy goods vehicle movements on an ancient country Pagham road originally formed to carry horse and carts.

And last but not least, how is ADC going to justify in any way acres of our outstanding irreplaceable food producing farmland being sacrificed to

tons upon tons of concrete. Is it not truly unbelievable that a Conservative government, once the great protector of rural England, should be adopting a policy of destruction to our vital food producing agricultural land.

Perhaps Mr Lynn you could name just one other European country that treats its farmland with such contempt.

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New ideology of concrete

On August 7 I attended yet another meeting held at the Arun Civic Centre for a decision to be made on a second application for a large housing estate to be built on highly fertile farmland north of Hook Lane, Pagham.

The first (almost identical) application had previously been rejected by Arun District Council and was awaiting a planning inquiry set to be heard in October.

But with ADC passing this second application, by the narrowest of margins, it meant the proposed planning inquiry was avoided.

This sorry saga begs the question to be asked were Hallam Land Management so terrified that the outcome of the inquiry would not be to their liking they were anxious to get their second application heard before October and as it turned out halt the inquiry.

The people of Pagham will

never know what the findings of that inquiry may have been.

We now seemingly have to accept that just seven ADC councillors have the apparent legal right to ignore the hundreds of justified protests and concerns from the people who actually live in Pagham.

Democracy ie government by the people, has now been so discredited by the political class it is now meaningless.

So back to the meeting where the sheer arrogance of a section of these ADC councillors display towards anyone who dares to put forward any form of concern which is contrary to their own personal opinions is astonishing.

They even displayed ugly, angry criticism towards their own fellow councillors for suggesting that sections of ADC's own local plan document seem to be contrary to West Sussex County Council highways' statement that their fairly minimum changes to

the Pagham Road did not correspond to the much more exacting conditions as laid down in Arun's own local plan document and as such would not make the Pagham Road safer or ease the traffic congestion and would therefore not be voting to pass through Hallam Land Management's second application.

The hundred plus members of the public who had turned up to listen to a housing application that will have a serious and dangerous impact on the villages of Pagham were also treated to an eye watering sermon from one councillor reflecting on bygone halcyon days she had spent living and schooling in the Pagham area.

In an emotional address she made it clear that her love for Pagham would always exist but then pronounced that she would vote for the highly contentious Hallam application to be approved, which added to the other

housing proposals already approved by ADC, will destroy the very nature of village life that future generations of children growing up in Pagham will be denied the experiences she herself so enjoyed.

The beauty of freshly ploughed fields. God given land slowly turning greens and yellows with precious food produce, the glory of the hedgerows and wildlife.

Everything that the Conservative Party used to value and protect now routinely dismissed to the new ideology of concrete.

The meeting closed with all optimism that the change in the political structure at ADC caused by the recent local elections would make any difference to the way Arun District Council operates was absolutely misguided.

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Losing faith with democracy

With climate change and environmental issues now being adapted with a renewed urgency by governments right across the world, why is it that West Sussex County Council and Arun District Council have not only supported but actively encouraged mass destruction of swathes of our West Sussex prime agriculture, food-producing land by multi-million pound profit-making construction companies?

Flooding, air pollution, sewage disposal, fresh water supply, a totally inadequate road network with thousands of extra vehicle movements being expected onto roads originally built for horse and

carts.

What is going on with such a small number of people able to dictate policies which are changing age-old village rights across our small corner of Sussex forever?

Thousands of legitimate protests have been completely disregarded by councillors who use the excuse that they cannot challenge any of these construction companies housing proposals for fear of losing court cases.

No wonder the vast majority of people have lost faith in democracy.

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Answers please to our concerns

With Arun District Council now having passed all three major housing estate proposals for Pagham is it not time we are given explicit and enforceable answers for the concerns raised in over 3,000 protest letters sent into Arun District Council.

Firstly would Arun District Council please name the councillors who actually read each and every one of the said letters before any of these proposals relating to the three developments were considered and then give precise answers to the following questions.

All we have been treated to so far seems to be a great big, 'it will be all right on the night' approach. Not good enough. So let's give it a try.

The constant fear of flooding will never go away. With the warnings of climate change, leading to a much warmer environment, being

continually forecast, will mean a much higher level of rainfall. What guarantees have all three construction companies given that building over acres upon acres of agricultural land within such a small confined area such as Pagham village will not greatly increase the risk of flooding. I would like to comment that during all the conversations I had with the so called expert consultants at the various meetings they held, they were in total denial that flood risk would increase.

What is ADC's conclusion to this extremely important concern?

What result will there be on air pollution caused by some 3,000 extra daily traffic movement on an already over congested Pagham Road, coming to an almost constant standstill outside Mundham Village School.

With deaths attributed to air pollution why is ADC and WSCC disregarding the effect on young children's

lungs thousands or even more vehicles queueing trying to access to the A27 will cause.

For whom are the proposed houses being built? It would seem the possibility of local first time buyers entering the market for what the construction companies call 'affordable' homes would seem highly unlikely.

Where are the employment prospects coming from for the 1,000 plus new arrivals?

Having lived and worked all my life in the Bognor area I have witnessed a huge increase in housing developments and a high decrease in the level of available work placements. LEC, Hago, Wayne Kerr, Weir Electronics, Butlers name plates, Racal Industries. Just a few of the firms no longer existing that were employing hundreds of working age local people.

What will be the health prospects for the Pagham area? Pagham has an increasing ageing population

which already puts intense pressure on our local surgery.

With a constant shortage of doctors it will only get worse if the population increase caused directly by an extra 1,000 plus houses being dumped on Pagham materialises.

So are ADC or the construction companies going to guarantee the supply of doctors, nurses and dentists that will be needed to service the huge surge in men, women and children caused by all this massive overdevelopment.

And what will happen to the education needs of the young children living in Pagham. Who is going to guarantee the supply of teachers that will be needed to cope with new arrivals.

Several thousand of extra cars entering and exiting from the proposed huge housing developments will create even more problems on an already dangerous Pagham Road.

This road, which has not altered in the many years I have lived in Pagham, is barely wide enough for two cars to safely pass each other.

There are ditches either side of this road and even these have not prevented flooding in the past.

More and more huge commercial vehicles together with large agricultural tractors and public service transport use this road which highlights the dangerous lack of width that exists.

Why does WSCC highways keep on insisting that the problems on the Pagham Road are minimal?

Right across the rest of Europe this road would be classified as a country lane.

The Pagham Road leads into Lagness road and becomes an extremely difficult left to right bend at Mundham Village School.

How is this section of road going to cope with the expected thousands of extra traffic movements all trying

to get onto a permanently gridlocked A27. Total madness.

These huge housing developments will cover over acres of fertile agricultural land at a time when food production is so very important to all of us. It would seem insane to allow highly productive land to be concreted over and lost forever. So why is Arun District Council so eager to collaborate in the destruction of the precious and irreplaceable food producing land.

Perhaps Arun District Council will also give us answers to drainage, sewage, fresh water supply, gas and electricity, communications, road maintenance, existing and new. Answers please. Preferably through the pages of the Bognor Regis Observer.

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