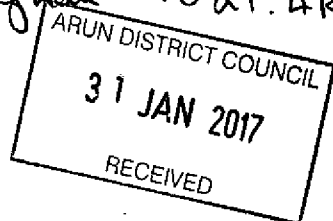


23 Harbour View Rd

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Dear Sirs

Planning applications

<u>Seltham Road</u>	-	P	134	16	OUT
<u>Pagham Road</u>	-	P	140	16	OUT
<u>Hook Lane</u>	-	P	6	17	OUT

I have lived in Pagham for over 20 years. The village has a very good community feel which is much appreciated by the mostly elderly residents. I feel this would be lost by the cumulative large scale additional housing.

Re the above planning applications.

The strategic gap between other built up areas would be lost, thereby reducing the amount of arable land for food cultivation for ever.

Pagham Nature Reserve is quite close to one of the proposed developments. I have on many occasions in the winter months seen Brant Geese & other species in large numbers on the fields at the bottom of the village. The destruction of this habitat/staging area, would be devastating to ~~the~~ migrating birds. Resident wild life would also be badly affected. There is a colony of bats on the Sefton Road site near the Scout Hut again devastating for them.

Flooding. All 3 sites flood on a regular basis. This I assume is a result of the ground structure which @ best is unstable, and really only suitable for the building of bungalows as the weight of larger structures would ~~be~~ put them at risk

The homes in Hook Lane have been flooded in the past & I understand that the road drains are small, about 4", they cannot cope now let alone with further development.

Traffic As there is no medium/large scale employment in the area I am assuming the new residents would have to commute. For many years I myself commuted to Chichester and found that for a 6 mile journey I had to allow approximately 45-60 mins because of the amount of traffic. WHERE IS ALL THE ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC GOING.

The Pagham Road already has a history of severe traffic accidents and these developments will only make matters worse with the addition of well over another 1000 cars.

Infrastructure Should these matters not be dealt with before the Houses

are built! As mentioned above the roads are not suitable for more traffic. They would urgently need to be both widened & straightened possibly meaning displacement of existing residents. Should the cost of this be borne by the developers?

The local pumping station is not man enough for the existing population as houses & shops at the bottom of the village need mobile pumps on a fairly regular basis. Again another & larger station needs to be built, who will pay for it? If it were not built I fear serious Health & Safety issues would ensue.

Health Services. I & most of my friends have difficulty getting appointments at the local doctors. No additional health facilities appear to be under consideration. THIS IS NOT

ACCEPTABLE. Even if a new Surgery were built, would we be able to attract the staff as the existing Surgery finds it difficult to recruit sufficient doctors to service the existing population.

Schools - there appear to be new junior schools planned but no senior schools, again this does not have been well planned as the local senior schools are already fully allocated.

There is very little off street parking in the village this results in very severe congestion. It is difficult for cars to get through the gaps sometimes, buses are delayed & there schedules ruined.

Ambulances & fire engines are delayed which can result in serious problems & even perhaps loss of life.

Something would have to be done before the additional houses are built

As the proposed developments are for houses, some of them large, the occupants would be families, there ~~are~~ currently is only the scout hut for children/teenagers. What other facilities are you expecting to provide to keep them off the streets.

In conclusion, such large scale development would spoil the quality of life of the existing residents, damage wild life & the ecology of farming of food FOREVER.

I do appreciate that a small amount of affordable housing is necessary
SMALL being the operative word

Yours Sincerely

