

OBJECTION TO P/134/16/OUT  
P/140/16/OUT  
P/6/17/OUT

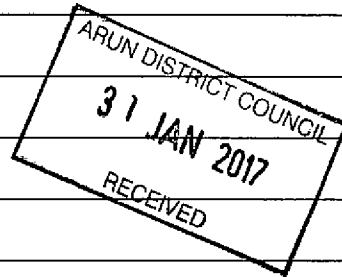
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Dear Sirs,

I would like to register my objection to the planning proposals contained in P/134/16/OUT, P/140/16/OUT and P/6/17/OUT on the following grounds.

1. Strategic gap: there is an urban sprawl all along the coast from Brighton to Pagham, and if these developments are allowed the gap which exists between Pagham and Chichester and around Pagham Harbour will be diminished. Continued building on these green field sites will lead to a solid line of buildings all along our coast, much reducing the scenic and recreation value to the community.
2. Sustainability: there is no way this number of new houses is sustainable in this small community. The roads are narrow and already busy: there are few shops, few schools and few work opportunities. Public transport is limited. The environment is precious and the value of the open land for farming and conservation is very high. Prime agricultural land should not be sacrificed for houses.

The Harbour area and open countryside are vital for bird-life, wildlife and plants, all of which need to be preserved for future generations to enjoy.

3. Flooding: the fields and roadside ditches are frequently flooded when there is heavy rain and the roads become difficult + sometimes impassable. The future climate is likely to bring more extreme weather events and an increase in housing on this vast scale will lead to more drainage problems. Some houses in Pagham already have drainage problems and need extra help - eg pumping - to dispose of waste water. Massive numbers of new houses with more waste water to dispose of would overwhelm the system.

4. Traffic: Pagham Road is a nightmare for all, especially cyclists, especially at peak times. There is often a continuous line of cars from the Chichester by-pass (A27) to Pagham, and long waits to pass a cyclist as there is too little space for 2 cars + a cyclist to fit in the road. Cars have to wait for a clear space - no oncoming traffic - to pass a cyclist safely. The huge lorries coming out of Barfots onto Pagham Road are a danger already. If several hundred new homes were built there could be thousands of extra cars on the small roads around Pagham, as many homes now have 2, 3 or 4 vehicles in the drive. Children are going to be at risk of accident too, and we will all be suffering extra pollution. I came here to live in a clean, country environment!

5. Schools There are limited places for schooling already. Where would thousands of extra children go to school? More transport, buses etc. would be required if they had to travel far. Where are the places, teachers etc. for a vast number of children moving here?

6. Doctors: local surgeries are already short of staff and getting an appointment to see a doctor can be difficult. There isn't enough capacity for a few extra houses, and certainly not for a thousand!

7. Work: Where are all the occupants of these proposed homes going to find work? They won't be employed locally - the vast majority will be driving to places further away. It doesn't make sense to build homes where there is no work, no schools, few shops and all the occupants will be commuting, mainly by car.

The A27 is already completely inadequate for the traffic now. Queues are a daily nightmare as everyone already knows. Adding thousands of new commuters doesn't make sense.

I moved here to live in a quiet community on the edge of a beautiful marshland area, full of birds and wildlife. I value highly the open space which extends from Pagham Road across the fields and harbour, giving us beauty, space, fresh air and wild habitat within walking distance.

I very much dislike the new developments springing up all around us, full of 3 storey houses, totally out of keeping with the surroundings and jumbled together to fit the maximum number

in the smallest space. The appearance of the countryside, which draws many visitors to the area & is a source of income from tourist activities of all sorts, is being ruined, and we are all the poorer for the loss of space and beauty around us.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted Signature]

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