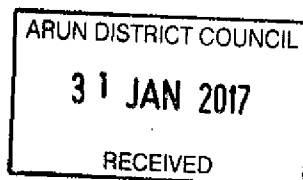


P/134/16/OUT SEFTER ROAD
P/140/16/OUT SUMMER LANE
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Dear Sir or Madam,

I write regarding the ongoing planning permission for the Pagham area. I understand there are several applications ongoing at present relating to Sefter Road, Hook Lane and the Summer Lane area of Pagham. I fully understand the need for development and in many cases am supportive where the development is sustainable. The current development plans for the Pagham area are not only unsustainable but potentially dangerous.

I have read articles suggesting that road access is not an issue due to the fact that access is onto a 'main road'. I have to question if any council officials have visited the area in question and looked at the access issue from a road safety perspective. The people who have the responsibility to provide housing and who may be supportive of these plans also have a moral duty to look at these issues from an unbiased perspective.

The Pagham Road cannot and should not be viewed as a 'Main Road'. It is a dangerous and unlit country road. There is no provision for pedestrians who are often seen walking on the road as they have no other option. It is also highly dangerous for cyclists. You often seen long tailbacks of traffic at the front of which is a cyclist. On occasion I used to commute to work by bike but have stopped doing so. It is not overstating the fact to say that you are taking your life in your hands when cycling on Pagham Road. Not only is the road unlit without proper provision for other road users there are many large articulated vehicles who use the road to service the Botley Farm premises. Additionally this is also a farming area where tractors regularly use the road.

This road is already an accident waiting to happen. It beggars belief that anybody can believe it is sustainable to build on the scale proposed and that Pagham Road can cope. If the current developments are allowed to go ahead I fear a serious accident or accidents are inevitable. Where is the planning for pedestrians and cyclists?

I also have concern in relation to the sustainability of local services. Our local GP surgery is already struggling now. I note that the developer has used ambiguous terms such as 'provision has been made for a doctors surgery'. I fear this is just an attempt to placate local concerns. The words are meaningless. Where will the sanctions be if this 'provision' is not made. Where will these GPs be found to work at this new 'provision'. We already know that there is a nationwide shortage of GPs. If local surgeries cannot employ doctors now why will it be any different in the future.

I implore the councillors responsible to view these planning applications with a truly open mind and with a genuine understanding of your responsibilities towards sustainable development.

Yours Sincerely
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