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Planning Reference Numbers:

Sefter Rd P/134/16/OUT

Pagham Rd P/140/16/OUT

Hook Lane P/6/17/OUT

I am writing to object to the Planning applications in respect of the above proposed developments for the following reasons: -

- These developments would fill the strategic gap between settlements which should not normally be built on, we will have no green spaces left.
- I have had personal experience of the flooding, when in June 2012 my bungalow was completely flooded and rendered uninhabitable for a year, due to the excessive rains not being able to flow away mainly because of buildings already on the flood plain area. At 84, this had a hugely negative impact on me and my health.
- The amount of traffic already on our small roads and lanes out to Chichester and beyond is unacceptable, resulting in delays and numerous accidents. It is dangerous for cycles and impossible for pedestrians to safely traverse, something that was a pleasure 38 years ago, when I first moved to the area. Many of these "main" roads are actually B roads or even unclassified. My journey of 6 miles to Chichester already takes up to an hour at peak times..how much longer would it be with a further 5 to 10,000 cars on the roads (estimated at 2.5 cars per household, 4,00 proposed new homes).

- The existing schools in our area are already full and over-subscribed, and even if a primary school was to be built, what about the secondary schools to feed into, as none are in these plans?
- Already, we struggle to make Dr appointments, and the only local dentist at Westmeads is full, has no waiting list and cannot attract more dentists to move to the practice. GPs have a similar problem, and our local hospitals are permanently struggling with increasing demands on their limited resources. Infrastructure should be put in place to accommodate these demands before the housing is permitted.
- Prime farming land and natural areas of beauty teaming with wildlife will be destroyed forever if these proposals go ahead. The scale of the developments will override the way of life in our small villages.
- Apart from the Government declaring that we MUST build more homes here, there is little evidence that they will be needed or wanted as people have no jobs to go to locally, and for all the above reasons people will not want to move here. People who do chose to move here would most likely have to commute to find sustainable work opportunities. These proposals are not sustainable.
- The cumulative effect of these three proposed sites will have a catastrophic effect on our local area, bringing about negative, damaging and irreversible effects on our small local and rural village areas.

I am imploring Arun District council to fully consider these points of objections and take into consideration the strong public feeling on the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Jim Druce