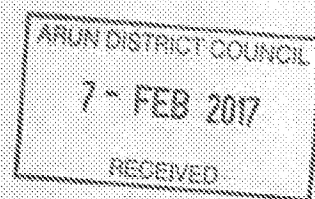


Objection to P/6/17/OUT

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I strongly object to the proposed development of the land North of Hook Lane, Pagham for the following reasons;

The land is good quality farmland and is needed for the growing of crops in an area which is mainly agricultural.

The roads in the area, particularly Pagham Road cannot cope at peak times with the traffic as it is and with all the vehicles generated by all the proposed developments will only get worse. Pagham Road is a narrow, winding country lane, heavily used by heavy goods vehicles, many of them left hand drive from Europe, farm tractors towing trailers and cyclists and this mix of traffic along with private cars and delivery vehicles causes daily a huge number of hazardous incidents and all too often minor and serious accidents. The road edges are crumbling away because the large vehicles cannot stay within the road markings and the bridle path just north of Barfoots is so dangerous to use that it rarely ever is used. In season, holiday traffic to and from Church Farm add to traffic numbers. Park homes being transported to and from Church Farm and Mill Farm also add to the hazards encountered by motorists on this road.

Pagham is situated on a flood plain and as was evident when there was a period of heavy rainfall in 2012, not only were sections of Pagham Road flooded, but also Hook Lane, Lodsworth Close, Edwin Close, Mayfield Close and surrounding areas. Most of this water flowed off the fields.

Consideration should be given to Ford Airfield as most of Arun's allocation could be provided here and this area would have much better road connections and by virtue of its size would be able to provide a range of public amenities.

Pagham has enough problems with beach erosion and the need to protect the Pagham Harbour nature reserve without adding unsustainable housing to its woes!

One of the arguments given weight by the inspector who rejected the development proposal in 1999 was that the development would obliterate

the view that residents of Hook Lane had across the fields and as far away as Chichester Cathedral. Nothing has changed in that respect and whether or not this is a "material objection" building houses on this field will result in the affected residents losing their views and possibly suffering a loss in the value of their property as well.

The doctor's surgeries in the area are already finding it difficult to cope. I believe that it is hard to get enough trained staff to run them now so any suggestion of building any new medical facilities would raise the question of who is going to work there – the responsibility rests with the NHS surely?

The only nearby schools (Rose Green Juniors and Rose Green Infants) are already operating beyond their designed capacity by using demountable classrooms. Since I believe it takes 8-10 years from inception to being up and running for a school this raises the question of where are the children from new developments to be educated in the meantime. Also if the schools the developers propose were to be built, they are only for two grades – where do all the children from other grades go? West Sussex is apparently is 148 out of 151 school areas as far as funding goes – almost the lowest funding in the country – so where is the money going to come from – Section 106 money certainly won't go far and in any case it is up to the education authority in West Sussex to decide where schools are to be built, not developers. It is common knowledge that if the land they have set aside for a school in an outline plan is not used that they will build more houses on it.

Southern Water has already stated in a consultation letter for the Sefton Road development that the Summer Lane plant doesn't have the capacity to process sewerage from that development and since the Hook Lane development is larger then obviously it doesn't have the capacity to handle that either.

Don't let the developers greed spoil Pagham village. Don't let them build on our valuable farmland, congest our roads and lower our quality of life – none of these things make their proposals SUSTAINABLE.

I have included some photos which I believe are relevant to my objection.

Regards from Gill Homer, 5/2/2017



LOOSWORTH RD JUNE 2012

one of Two
photo Sheets. ①



HOOK LANE JUNE 2012



ROSE GREEN RD

TRAFFIC CHAOS.



➔ HOOK LAND PROPOSED SITE

THIS VIEW
COULD BE LOST
FOR EVER.