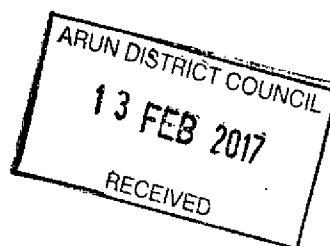


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Dear Sir,

I wish to strongly register my objections to the above planning proposals for Pagham. My main concerns are relating to traffic and flooding.

These proposals will put extra traffic on Pagham Road, especially at peak times, as all the local traffic funnels into it when travelling in and out of Pagham towards the A27 and Chichester. Pagham Road is the most dangerous C class road in the county, originally an old narrow winding lane and barely changed over the years. I often see cars in the roadside ditches. My experience of travelling along it is often fraught with concern with the large articulated lorries, from the other direction, taking the full width of their lane of the winding road that I fear for my safety. There has previously been discussion about having a cycle lane as it is part of the South Coast cycle route; this has never materialised. There are at times dreadful traffic queues behind bicycles with cars unable to pass when both carriageways are busy. The expected A27 road upgrade will contribute to the chaos on local roads which will grind to a halt with all the proposed house building, and traffic that will bring.

Pagham Road is the one road in and out of Pagham. With large lorries from Barfoots; who are proposing an increase in their production thus increasing the amount of lorries by 5000 per year on Pagham Road, plus tractors and holiday makers staying at the Church Farm holiday site, plus adding a minimum of 600 extra cars from the Hook Lane proposal and another probably 500 from the Sefton Road site; there will be gridlock on already busy local roads all running into Pagham Road. The proposed building of many family homes in this area with no local employment means more traffic on Pagham Road as people travel out towards the A27 to get to work. Without a road upgrade (widening and straightening out) this extra traffic is totally unsustainable and will be even more dangerous.

The amount of lorries and farm tractors and the speed of vehicles through Nyetimber really concern me. I live in Nyetimber at the beginning of Pagham; cars enter the village at speed and with disregard for the 30mph speed change at this point. It is like taking your life in your hands as you come out of Downlands Close and try to turn right into Pagham Road towards Chichester. Cars are parked opposite my turning and to the right as I turn out; this prevents me from seeing clearly the oncoming traffic, making it very hazardous. There are usually large vans parked both overnight and during the day making it impossible at times to see oncoming cars as I turn out. The junction of Pagham Road and Hook Lane have seen several minor accidents, this proposal will only exacerbate the hazards of this junction and Downlands Close. Double yellow lines and a flashing lighted speed sign are needed to make this area safer even before any extra traffic. Two out of the three new roads for the proposed estate are both sited towards the Hook Lane and Pagham Road junction, with most of the housing on the south side, the south and west side of this proposed development will be the busiest which will impact enormously on the amount of traffic accessing this junction onto Pagham Road.

Hook Lane has long standing surface flooding issues and I have personally witnessed flooding here when the road had to be closed. Pagham Road drains are now barely able to cope when we have heavy rainfall. The proposed, possibly,

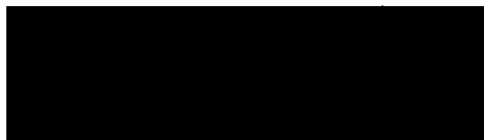
total of over 1300 extra homes, from the three current proposals, for Pagham will compound the flooding issues for residents who have previously been flooded particularly around Hook Lane. The surrounding fields are often flooded after sustained rain, how will this be if these fields are concreted over? We are at risk from all sides with the flooding issue from the sea and the Pagham Beach situation. The building of this amount of houses onto our small village is untenable. This is not sustainable; the infrastructure cannot cope with the extra traffic that this amount of development would bring.

There is difficulty getting an appointment at the GP surgery, how will they cope with over 1200 extra people from these two proposals alone? How will the schools cope, only land is being allocated, do the council have money to build extra schools and staff them?

This is an important area for agriculture, it is imperative that the Grade 2 farmland continues to supply food for the country. Surely coming out of the EU means that we should retain our farmland, it is even more important that we grow our own food and not rely purely on imports.

Finally as in 2000 the same reasons stand for refusing planning permission for Hook Lane, it is not viable or sustainable.

Yours faithfully

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Yvonne Burtenshaw