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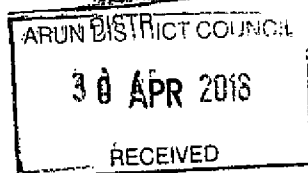
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Dear Sir.

I wish to renew my strong objections to the proposed mass housing developments for the area of Pagham Village. It would be an absolute tragedy if ANY of these proposals were to be given the go ahead. Has not any of Arun District Council's planning officers witnessed the beauty of newly ploughed farm land and the subsequent arrival of much needed food produce or is the sacrifice of top grade agricultural land too tons of concrete a much more satisfying sight for Arun District Council to behold. Many of the Pagham residents who have registered serious concerns about these monstrous proposals do not think they have been listened too. We are NOT as Mr. Sajid Javid likes to believe "Selfish Nimbys" but passionate people trying to prevent con-

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a tiny area of West Sussex from becoming one huge building site. I have lived in Pagham for 58 of my 76 years so have a pretty good idea of how the local environment has behaved during those years. My discussions and opinions given to the various consultants and P.R. people employed by the land agents and construction companies involved were generally dismissed as not relevant. The majority of my fellow villagers do not object to a reasonable amount of small scale developments being built to satisfy the needs of local people but not on the scale being proposed which will be unsustainable and disastrous to the viability of Pagham Village.

I include a copy of a letter I had published in the Bognor Observer recently. Perhaps you may like to reply to the points I have raised within the said letter.

Yours Sincerely



Construction chiefs laughing

Prime Minister May's recent speech once again reinforces her grim determination to apply extreme pressure on local councils to roll over to the outrageous demands of land agent speculators and the almighty powerful national building companies.

It would seem that the present Conservative government is offering a free hand to all these so-called property developers/speculators to build huge housing estates wherever they want, whenever they want and in whatever numbers they choose to.

You only have to look at the proposals for the Pagham/Aldwick area of West Sussex to confirm the sheer arrogant confidence these companies displayed at the various public exhibitions they set up previously.

If these proposals are given the go ahead it would mean swathes of top-grade fertile food-producing farmland being concreted over forever.

Is there a single other European country showing such utter disrespect for its own food production that it would even allow such monstrous proposals to even be considered?

Has Prime Minister May, Arun District Council or even our own MP Nick Gibb forgotten that they belong to a Conservative Party that once believed in the important principle that the UK should put itself in the position of being able to feed itself wherever possible?

The proposals to build these huge housing estates on acres of agricultural land in the Pagham/Aldwick area are just part of the many concerns that have been signalled up by the residents of the two villages.

The areas of concern are increased risk of flooding, sewage disposal, surface water relief, inadequate and antiquated drainage systems, totally insufficient road network to cope with the thousands of additional car and commercial vehicle movements, huge increase in air pollution.

The population increase of several thousands would put unsustainable pressure on our schools and health surgeries.

Where are the additional teachers and doctors going to be miraculously conjured up from?

I might also add that the language Mr Sajid Javid is quoted as using is extremely unhelpful to say the least.

Why are politicians so eager to blame us of an older

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generation for the so-called 'housing crisis'?

Perhaps they should look at some of the policies that present and previous governments have made, which have contributed to the housing shortage such as the population surge of some three million over the last decade and still increasing by some 300,000 per annum.

As for our young people not being able to get onto the housing ladder, do they not think that thousands of students, who have been

encouraged to move onto a university education, will eventually leave with debts of between £30,000 and £50,000 which could prove to be just a 'small' stumbling block when applying for a first-time mortgage.

Lastly a mention for the mythical affordable homes that the builders like to use in their proposals. Laughable.

Sadly the only people laughing are the construction company chiefs, all the way to the bank.

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