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5th August, 2018

Dear Mr. Easton,

Plans for Development in Pagham Area

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P/140/16/OUT P/25/17/OUT



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I wish to register my opposition to the above proposals to build many houses on agricultural land.

It seems sheer folly to get rid of agricultural land in favour of yet more houses in the Chichester area. I have never seen so much building taking place before. It seems that every bit of available space is being built on at the moment. Off the top of my head I can think of new houses being built in West Wittering, Bersted, Tangmere, Shopwyke and Hunston. There is also a huge development taking place to house the Chichester Free School, which is already causing havoc with traffic in that area.

Over the last few months I have really noticed a difference in the volume of traffic around Chichester. Getting in and out of the Chichester area is becoming more and more difficult with frequent traffic jams and accidents. Only a year ago, I could probably get into the centre in 20 minutes, now there are jams on all approaches and that journey can take 50 minutes. We are all scurrying around trying to find a clear route in and it is just impossible. I can see a future where there is total gridlock.

How can you even think of adding to this already congested area? I often wonder where all these people are going to come from to live in these houses. Will the local infrastructure cope with them all? Our already over-stretched local hospitals and doctors' surgeries will find it difficult accommodating yet more patients. What about the schools, the waste-collection services, car parking etc. etc.??? Have any feasibility studies been carried out on all these aspects?

We already have problems with flooding in various areas during the winter. It is widely known that every square foot of concrete put on the land takes away drainage and adds to flooding. This is another argument against these plans.

Last, but certainly not least, is the fact that Pagham Harbour is a beautiful nature reserve that greatly contributes to the well-being of wildlife and to the many, many people who enjoy walking there and finding some peace and quiet and a place to escape from all the surrounding chaos and congestion that is fast becoming part of life in the Chichester area.

These plans make no sense on any level.

Yours sincerely,

Anne Masson (Mrs.)