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SENT BY EMAIL

Dear Mr Easton

Re: Development Proposals in Pagham

Thank you for talking briefly with me after the meeting yesterday. I am retired but as a Head of Transport Planning within an office of Atkins, Consultants, I have been involved with many development schemes. I currently have strong concerns that the traffic generation basis of the proposals is poorly prepared and seek the basic evidence obtained by the Consultants, but not published to establish if the data sources are realistic for this area.

Nobody will know for certain what is correct until the developments are built, if permitted, but the use by the consultants of data from large towns and often in the north of England leaves major doubts as to the appropriateness of the data for this fairly isolated location. As advanced at the meeting this area is distant from major shops, a rail facility, suitable cycle routes (Pagham Road and associated roads to Chichester have 0.32% of cycles in the traffic flow but 17% of injury accidents involved cyclists - source the developers' consultant's report), has only a limited bus service, no local employment suitable for home owners requiring a reasonable salary to afford such accommodation. Thus, I feel it is necessary to ask to have access to the original data used as this is not presented anywhere. An average Trip Generation Rate is quoted with no evidence to support it and it is at least possible that the use of data from bigger towns, with local facilities will generate less motor vehicle movements than might be expected from any new development at Pagham.

If we (you, me or others) can show that this is appropriate data then I will be very happy with its use but meanwhile I have strong doubts and ask you to obtain the actual data used so we can see the range of Trip Rates and how the figure used was generated and from which of the data sources or in what proportion if from all of the sources listed in the Transport Appendices.

I look forward to hopefully receiving an informative and helpful reply in the hope that this fundamental issue to assessing the traffic impact can be resolved shortly. Please acknowledge receipt of this letter, sent by Email, and also advise as soon as you can how long it is likely to be before this data is made available.

Yours sincerely

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