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Your Ref: OWPC9925

Our Ref: P/76/16/PL

07-07-2016

Please ask for:

Richard Temple

16th August 2016

Dear Sir/Madam

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015

Construction of a building for the packaging, preparation & distribution of fresh foods with ancillary accommodation associated with the existing horticultural business, revisions to internal access road, car parking & hardstanding areas & landscaping & provision of a wetland. This application affects the setting of Listed Buildings.

Sefter Farm Pagham Road Pagham

Thank you for your internet representation made on 15th August 2016 which has been recorded as '**an objection**' with the comments as follows:

It seems that once again there is a real danger that the ADC is about to put the cart before the horse - or more precisely once again approving developments when the infrastructure is inadequate to support it. Wholesale approval of large numbers of houses and projects such as this one will inevitably cause a vast increase in the amount of traffic on local roads which are already dangerous to use at times. The main problems lie with the Pagham - Chichester road with numerous places between Summer Lane and the A27 which make it dangerous to negotiate. HGVs are already making deep ruts off the edge of the bitumen which would cause a car to overturn if a wheel was to drop into one. I was forced off the road when a HGV was overtaking a bicycle on a bend and came at me on the wrong side of the road - luckily there was no ditch there so I managed to keep control. It is common to see HGVs partly over the white line, particularly on bends, because the lanes are so narrow. When seconds count - such as when ambulances are taking seriously ill patients to hospital or fire engines are en route to a fire - delays due to congestion, slow moving traffic and nowhere to pull off the road are going to cost lives.

I believe that a complete upgrade of this road is necessary before any further building work in Pagham is undertaken. The human cost is just too great not to do so.

Not only is widening required, but also passing places, new roundabouts or turning lanes at several intersections, a dedicated footpath/cycle path and a ban on parking in places where parking on both sides of the road reduces traffic flow to one lane.

I believe it is incumbent on the ADC to petition the government to supply the funds to carry out this work - after all it is our government which is insisting on large numbers of houses being built in Pagham and the increase in the number of HGVs using the road is further compounding the problem.

Your views will be considered before the application is determined and I shall write to inform you of any decision made.

Please be aware that if the application is to be determined by the Council's Development Control committee and your letter has been received at a late stage after the Agenda has been published you will not receive a separate letter notifying you of the date of the meeting and procedures for public speaking. In such circumstances it is recommended that you track the progress of the application on the Council's website or telephone the Council for further information. Please be advised that any comments you make that are not included within the Committee Agenda will be reported to the Members of the Development Control committee. Please also be aware that only a small number of all planning applications received go to the Development Control Committee. Most

are determined under delegated powers by Officers in which case your comments will again be considered before the application is determined.

Please be aware that Planning Services operate an 'open file' policy and will publish details of your comments on the internet on the Arun District Council Planning section. Please ensure that you only provide information that you are happy will be made available in this way. If you supply information belonging to a third party, please ensure you have their permission to do so. If you do not wish your comments to appear on the 'open file' please confirm this in writing and I will arrange for it to be destroyed although this means that its contents will then be disregarded.

In the event of a subsequent written representations appeal, against a refusal of planning permission on a householder application, any representations made on the application will be automatically forwarded to the Secretary of State. Unlike all other types of appeal, there will be no further opportunity to comment at the appeal stage.

Yours faithfully

Karl Roberts
Director Planning & Economic Regeneration