

I am resending this with my address above.

I am a resident of Eastleigh Road and write to object to the plans APP/21/01451 to build the housing adjoining the Southleigh Park House in Eastleigh Road.

The traffic in Eastleigh Road is already very heavy and dangerous. People drive fast down the road and the speed limit is not enforced. We often see wounded and killed wildlife in the road. Building 70 new houses in the road would increase the traffic especially at peak times and make the road even more dangerous. Car use would be expected to be high for the people living in the proposed houses as there are no shops and very limited public transport close by.

A 20 mph speed limit should be applied now to Eastleigh Road and certainly if any more houses are built in the road.

The Local Plan for the borough requires the retention and meaningful integration of protected trees and hedgerows in new developments. Also that protected species are protected on the site and the surrounding area and wildlife corridors and other forms of green linkage are built into the development, making best use of existing natural features. The plans for this development does exactly the opposite. It will require the cutting down of many trees and the removal of woodland and pasture that provide habitat for protected species like slow worms and bats. These are common in the area and bats can often be seen in the evenings in summer. Badgers and foxes also live in the area bounded by the Horndean Road, Bartons Road, Southleigh Road and Eastleigh Road. On several occasions they have been seen killed in the road. Deer commonly graze in the fields. There are jays and woodpeckers and many smaller bird species. Buzzards often visit. The building of 70 houses requires the destruction of many mature trees and wildlife habitat and is excessive for the site. Once the habitat is gone, the wildlife will vanish. Plots 33 to 36 and 54 to 57 require the felling of many trees. There has been a steady reduction in the local wildlife habitat due to building. It is important that what little remains is preserved.

The character of the road will be completely changed. While it is acceptable to build a small number of houses on the site, in addition to the conversion of the existing buildings, such a large number is not reasonable. It would increase the traffic problems and danger for the local residents.

Yours sincerely