

9th September 2021

29, Bound Lane.  
Hayling Island,  
PO11 9HU.

Dear Mr. Ellis.

re: APP/21/00647 Southmere Field Langstone.

It is with dismay that I have learnt of the proposed partial development of Southmere field in Langstone. I have known this field for 75 years and can confirm that in this time it has never been ploughed or used for any purpose other than grazing or hay-making. It can be considered an ancient hay meadow of which nationally we have lost 97%. This makes it unique in the Havant Borough Council Area and is an asset both locally and nationally. When in flower, the range and colours are incredibly beautiful and are a precious habitat and feeding area for many species of wildlife, especially bees and other insects when in flower and for birds in the later seasons. We are always being urged to plant our gardens to be bee and nature friendly - this field is better than any garden could ever be.

There are other areas of nature conservation adjacent to this field and to destroy this one would break the chain that supports everything else. No area such as this can be taken out without causing irreparable damage. As a resident of Hayling, I have passed this field most days in all seasons. I, like many others, have always looked forward to reaching this place, whether it is to see the birds that are prominent in the winter, the wonderful display of wild flowers or just the natural ambience of this beautiful part of the landscape. To destroy this would be to destroy what should be a natural asset for all of us in the Havant Borough. It is part of our heritage. I object most strongly to this application.

Yours sincerely

Rosemary Weeks.

HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

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