

WITH REFERENCE TO: The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 Site Address: Land at Sinah Lane, Hayling Island Proposal: Erection of 195No. dwellings, associated open space, pumping station, sub-station and formation of new vehicular access off Sinah Lane. Change of use of land from agricultural to a Wader and Brent Geese Refuge Area (Resubmission of APP/18/00724)

Dear Mrs Haywood, I write in relation to the above planning application and wish to register my objections to it. My husband and I only moved to Sinah Lane on 30 September and walk regularly along Langstone Harbour at North Shore Road. We were shocked to learn that the field there is earmarked for housing as the site looks extremely unsuitable and our road, Sinah Lane, and the road it runs into, Station Road, are shockingly poor in terms of width and sight lines.

In terms of the field itself, which suffers from very poor drainage, it is clear that housing would be detrimental in a number of ways. The erosion that we have observed along that part of the shoreline has been alarming, just in 2 months. We cannot believe that anyone would consider disturbing the ground further and putting increased pressure on an already crumbling coastline. That cannot surely happen without disastrous consequences to residents long-term.

As regards the wildlife, we have observed the masses of Brent Geese that count that area as prime grazing and social land. Their annual visit must surely be considered in these environmentally sensitive times. It would be a tragic loss if they no longer counted Hayling Island as their over-wintering ground, both from the residents and from the tourists/ornithologists point of view.

When we moved here, we did not immediately notice how narrow and twisting our lane is, particularly at the meeting point with North Shore Road. We have to exercise great care exiting Sinah Lane onto the lower part of the lane that leads into Station Road and it is a definite blind spot. We do not count ourselves particularly elderly (I am 63 and my husband 70) but can understand how difficult the roadway must be for older residents. The passage through West Town itself is particularly hazardous, with blind bends, zigzags and narrowing of the roadway at several key points. There are many spots where the road is too narrow for the large delivery vehicles that obscure the sightline and we must exercise caution on every outing.

In short, despite it being winter and adding Covid 19 restrictions to the list, I cannot imagine how this road copes in busier times, but it is inconceivable that the council would exacerbate the problems further by adding considerably more housing (not to mention the construction traffic for several years during the build).

And one final point, we were surprised not to be able to join the Elm Road Surgery when we applied. We were given space at the Waterside Practice but we realised then that pressure is already on local services in a way we did not expect.

Please note our strong objections to this application in respect of environmental impact and highways hazard particularly and we urgently request that the application is reconsidered.