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3A, New Lane ¹
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Dear Sir or Madam,

Re - Planning Application APP/21/00200
The Pfizer Site, New Lane, Havant.

I am writing to you because I wish to object to this planning application whereby it is proposed to change the use of the Pfizer Site in New Lane to that of a warehouse and distribution hub.

Recently, because of the Covid 19 situation New Lane has seen a diminution in the amount of traffic using the Lane but upon the "lock down" is lifted and more people return to their place of work, the Lane will again become the busy highway as it was before this pandemic.

Therefore it seems appalling that this application will seek to unleash 2500 extra diesel vehicles in New Lane and the surrounding streets each day. In addition I believe that there will be a further possible 1100 vehicles using the Lane twice each day. These additional vehicles belong to the 900 van drivers and the 200 warehouse employees working for this proposed enterprise. I also believe that the company will operate three shifts, starting at 4.00 AM and finishing late at night, so that the consequent noise and movement in the streets will affect the sleep of the residents in this area.

New Lane is becoming increasingly residential i.e. with the new flats which have been recently completed at the southern end of the Lane and the large housing development which is being built on the site of the demolished "Colts" factory. Whichever way the vehicles leave the Pfizer site they will travel through residential streets. Obviously this is a cause for concern because we now know of the danger to health which can be caused by the fumes emitted by traffic, particularly diesel vehicles. There is also a danger to the mental health of the residents when such a large number are introduced into the area because of the unavoidable disruption which will be caused to the lives of the local

residents each day for seven days each week so there will be no respite from the activities of the company, not even on the Sabbath!

I am surprised that some of the company's vehicles will be attempting to reach the A27 by traversing the level crossing at New Lane and continuing through Fairfield Road and Beechworth Road because the level crossing gates are shut so frequently during the day and this causes long tailbacks of vehicles along New Lane and other roads to the south of the crossing. Many of the drivers stuck in these tailbacks sit there with their engines running so the extra traffic from the Pfizer site will have to join these tailbacks and will add considerably to the amount of air pollution in this area.

Furthermore there will be increased risks to the cyclists, schoolchildren and pedestrians who have to cross the already busy junctions in the face of increased traffic flow in order to reach Fairfield Road School and Worthington School. The same will apply to the many other people who use New Lane to get to and from the shops in the town centre.

We know that new business should be encouraged to come to Havant, but consideration must be given to the lives of the residents who live in the vicinity and whose health and quality of life will be affected by the introduction of this enterprise into our midst.

Therefore I hope that this planning application will be refused and that the company will find a more suitable site elsewhere.

Peter D. Appleby.

TO- PLANNING DEVELOPMENT,
HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL.