

Local Plan Housing Statement

Planning Policy Team

Havant Borough Council

Civic Centre Plaza

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Dear Planning Team

Re: Objection to plans to build 50 new houses on the field South of Lower Road Old Bedhampton

In response to the developer's slightly amended plan (APP/20/01031), which changes nothing in relation to the many major objections to this development outlined in my previous statement.

Access

Old Bedhampton can only be accessed via by two narrow roads, parts of which have no pedestrian pavement, leading into a sharp narrow blind double bend to gain access to Lower Road and the plan site. Having experienced a head on collision on the way to work one morning, I know how dangerous this section is. Not only that, the double bend has a Residential Home situated alongside the bend, together with a Grade Listed building with retirement flats and the adjoining Waterloo meeting room. There are also other houses with direct access onto the bend. I hate to think what dangers will come from the considerable increase in both domestic and commercial traffic to/ from the proposed development.

There has also a big increase in cyclists using Lower Road in both West and Easterly directions which increases the likelihood of accidents from the increased vehicle use described above.

Effect on the Conservation Area

Old Bedhampton Village has its own special character with historic buildings, pleasant byways for walking groups and families to enjoy and is unique in the Borough. Building houses so close to the area will be completely detrimental to its character as a quiet and safe place to be.

