

Reference: Land to the North of Sinah Lane, Hayling Island

To Whom it may concern

My apologies for the multi addressee communication; however, I understand that all of the above agencies are aware of the many issues concerning the land at reference and the impact that the proposed development of 195 dwellings will have on Hayling Island in the future.

The fact that there have been over 500 OBJECTIONS submitted to this updated application with only four weeks to comment, is some testament to the strong feelings expressed by local residents.

It is noted that Langstone Harbour Board continued to strongly object to the Application. However, in the latest response by the Chichester Harbour Planner to the subject Application, it gives APPROVAL subject to a multitude of conditions and constraints to be met by the Planning authorities and developer. Although dated 11 January 2021, some of the content is clearly out of date and does not fully address what has recently occurred on the Island and in the field in question such as:

- Sewage and Water Mains. There have been very recent occasions of sewage overflows and subsequent pollution of Langstone Harbour, and no doubt affecting Chichester Harbour as well. A recent burst water main on Sinah Lane caused loss of water to local households for a period of time. Both of these incidents are further proof of an overloaded and fragile infrastructure managed by Southern Water.

- Brent Geese Foraging. Despite previous reports by certain consultees that the Brent Geese limited their foraging to the north part of the field, the geese had not visited there during the 2018/19 winter due to the change in the agricultural planting cycle. However, large numbers of the geese have been feeding on winter wheat which was sown this winter well into the area designated for development.

- Flooding. The coastal erosion along the western edge of the "refuge" is well documented and will continue under present Coastal Partnership plans. However, as the photos show (taken 27 December 2020), there has been extensive flooding very recently in the both the proposed development area and in the designated SuDS/Refuge area. The refuge photo shows the gully that has been dug by the farmer to drain the large expanse of surface water about where the SuDs will be located. It should also be noted in the other photo that there were "balls" of foam in the overgrown ditch in the direction of flow.

- Ground Water Monitoring. It is understood that previous ground water monitoring surveys of the the whole field were carried out using six monitors; however, four out of the six were found to be damaged leaving two serviceable units. On 23 November 2020, a ground drilling contractor, Jackson Drilling, bored a third monitoring device in the entrance to the field. This latest survey was evidently due to last from November 2020 to March 2021 with readings taken on a monthly basis. An approach to Jackson Drilling for an update was politely rejected (understandably) on the grounds of customer confidentiality. Uncertain as to which of the above agencies is responsible, I'd be grateful for a response on the following:

- What were the results of previous ground water surveys at the site and when were they carried out?

- Are three monitoring devices sufficient to carry out a comprehensive and reliable ground water monitoring survey of the whole field?

- Will any planning decision be put on hold until the results of this critical survey are completed and assessed by an appropriate "outside" agency - on a site which historically is affected by ground, surface and tidal lock flooding?

The above comments are in addition to those already submitted to the above Application on 20 December 2020 under separate cover.

I trust that such recent incidents mentioned above are taken into account by the decision-makers and that there is the necessary dialogue between relevant agencies and leading consultees.

Regards



