

37 Southbrook Road
Havant
PO9 1RL

11 August 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: APP/21/00647

MAJOR HOUSE BUILDING IN LANGSTONE - SOUTHMERE

I am writing to object to the application submitted by Persimmon Homes South Coast (PHSC) to build 65 new homes on the land adjacent to Langstone Road (A3023), south of the Mallards.

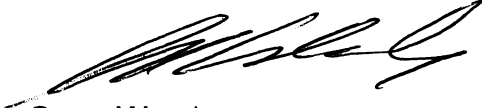
My objections are as follows: -

1. The land is not designated for housing. When the development of the Mallards started, the landowner covenanted with Havant Borough Council (HBC) to the effect that "no house or other dwelling unit shall be built on the land and the land shall not be developed to provide for residential accommodation of any sort". HBC has previously acknowledged the binding nature of this covenant and maintained and honoured its effect on the site. The present administration must be reminded of its obligations and reject the application.
2. A Transport Assessment was required for Hayling Island as part of the preparation of the Local Plan. Some the resulting elements remain unresolved. To avoid further stressing of the A3023 before adoption of the new Local Plan, HBC resolved to refuse permission for any new access to be formed onto the road. PHSC proposes to defeat that restriction by forming an access to their development from the existing Mallards access road. This would create an unacceptable overload on the junction with the A3023 and compromise the use of other access to the Mallards development.
3. There are few green areas remaining in Langstone, which is now being subsumed into urban Havant. Bosmere field has already been lost to developers and we, as local residents, have to put up with traffic congestion from both the Premier Inn and Langbrook Farm developments. Developers excused the loss of that field by arguing that the habitat for the displaced wildlife would be replaced at Southmere. Conveniently, that agreement has been forgotten.
4. Traffic through Langstone and onto Hayling Island tends to form into incredibly long queues whenever good weather occurs in the region. Selfish behaviour by many road users then causes gridlock on the A27 roundabout, south of Havant. This then causes traffic to back up throughout the town. I would contend that only a total fool would countenance building more houses either in Langstone or on Hayling Island until vastly better road provisions are put in place. I have enclosed two photographs of traffic backed up through Havant this very

morning. The North/South queue reached back as far as Havant College and the traffic in Havant town itself was backed up past the old Post Office. Can anyone really justify adding more stress to local roads in the face of such chaos? If you can, I would appreciate your fully detailed explanation.

Please take these objections into consideration when finalising your decision.

Yours, faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gerry Woods', with a stylized, cursive script.

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