

RE: OBJECTION TO PLANNING APPLICATION APP/20/01093 – 195 BARRATT HOMES SINAH& NORTH SHORE.

FAO Mrs D Haywood,

I am writing this letter to record my objection to the above planning application by Barratt homes for the construction of 195 homes to be built on agricultural land north of Sinah lane. As per previous objections to this proposal via different applications I strongly object to this for the following reasons.

Infrastructure

It has been highlighted time and time again regarding the current complete lack of infrastructure on the island. The single road on and off the island cannot cope with the current volume of traffic, even more so in the summer months. This leads to daily traffic jams through sheer volume of traffic. For example, each week one dustbin lorry emptying bins on the Havant road, causes a tailback of traffic from the Esso garage back to the roundabout. Emergency services find it difficult to access the island over the bridge when there is any volume of traffic. There have been several incidents and accidents either on the bridge or close to the bridge this year, which in turn has crippled any access on and off Hayling Island. One such instance of a lorry break down on the bridge saw several hours of gridlock which caused surrounding areas including the A3M, Emsworth, A27 and Havant and surrounding areas to be brought to a complete standstill.

Hampshire County Council have also recently confirmed that the Bridge which is the ONLY way on and off Hayling Island, is deteriorating to the extent that major repairs are planned to include removal and replacement of concrete and deck supports to the eroding bridge which is quoted by HCC as one of the most critical roads in Hampshire. The roads and indeed the bridge are not built to take the current volume of traffic and the potential for another 400+ vehicles from this one site is not sustainable.

Services

Lack of services on the Island is already evident, with the Health Centre well over subscribed already, with the current number of doctors averaging about 2,000 patients each with the current population. This is continually expanding with numerous 'windfall sites' being passed by the council, constantly adding to the population. Current residents told they have to find a GP surgery in Havant again, not only shows services are way over capacity now, it also means more journeys on and off the island.

Schools cannot cope. We have no police on the Island apart from one officer.

The field is and always has been subject to flooding. Attached two pictures of current flooding as of Christmas Eve 2020.

Southern water state in the Councils local plan that there is no capacity for extra housing and that the island is at its limit. This was in 2017 before we had the Oysters development and all the windfall sites built. The sewage discharge into Langstone harbour is becoming more and more regular, every time we have heavy rainfall. Many windsurfers complained of falling ill after surfing on the water, week after week. Building on this site will destroy the habitat, the billy trail and the SSI shoreline. Barratts say that to mitigate the flooding they will build the houses higher.... this means that all the current residential properties surrounding the development will be subject to more flooding than they already are as they appear to be being used as the developments 'runoff'. How does that affect current residents in bungalows, having properties built literally on the fence line of their back gardens?

As recently as the 21st December 2020, Southern Water had to deal with a burst water main in Sinah Lane. Confirmation by them stated that it was due to movement of pipes caused by sediment moving underground causing pressure.

Barratts have NOT done what they promised when given permission by the council to build the Oysters site - farming the field, providing secure fencing for the billy trail etc. Please remind yourselves of what was promised when you approved the Oysters site, what has been clearly breached by the developer and discarded without challenge by a council who appears to be more interested in money and greed than that of some 20,000 residents on a small island, watching its SSI coastline, and countryside be destroyed piece by piece

I would like to draw your attention to a mitigation presentation attached below, from a member of the Borough's Infrastructure Development Plan Group at the time of writing in 2017. It outlined the fact that the proposed building on the field outlining that Barratt's are in breach of their agreement. It is noted that also at the time of this mitigation report the proposed dwellings were quoted as 162. How can the information and concern by one of your colleagues be totally ignored a clear breach of policy by the developer be ignored and the number of dwellings be allowed to rise by 33 houses as a response?

They were given planning for the Oysters development, on the understanding that the Sinah field would be given up for the loss of habitat for migrating geese. The section 106 states this, and also that they would have to ensure that the field was planted with crops. The last three winters the field has not been farmed as usual, (I believe to stop the geese from appearing

here). This year the farmer had been instructed not to farm the field at all, which turned it into a wasteland. However, the wildlife is thriving, Bats, newts slowworms, all of which are protected species are in the field. There are Buzzards other birds of prey, butterflies, dragonflies, the list goes on. Is the council happy to destroy many protected species thriving on this land, which were there when the field was being farmed, and has only grown now during Lockdown. In October, Barratts have instructed the farmer to plough up the field and destroy much of the habitat created during 2020, which shows the companies complete disregard to any ecological presence. How Brent geese are expected to survive and return on the apparent new designated site next what will be 200 houses with families running through the site I don't know. West Lane field have scarecrows to drive the birds away now as it is and space is fast running out for these protected birds. There must be an updated ecological survey that should be done.

The Planning Development Committee meeting held in October was deplorable, with blatant bullying of councillors by one person, into voting for the site in order to gain money from government in the future. This is NOT what the committee is all about. Councillors are there to represent the residents views and make informed decisions on what is best for the island, in the protection of the land and habitat not so they MIGHT get a hand out from the government in the future or not. TI thank the two councillors who thought about the people and not potential deals that might happen in the years ahead.