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Yr Ref APP/18/00724
Ask for Louise MacCallum
Date 10/10/2019

Dear Mrs Haywood

Land at Sinah Lane, Hayling Island

Erection of 195No. dwellings, associated open space, pumping station, sub-station and formation of new vehicular access off Sinah Lane. Change of use of land from agricultural to a Wader and Brent Geese Refuge Area

I refer to your letter dated 20th September 2019 and the detailed drawings viewed on the Havant Borough Council website concerning the above planning application.

The Board's Planning Sub Committee has considered this application and **OBJECT** to the proposals. Further to comments in their letter dated 5th August 2019 the committee wish to add the following points which derive from the Langstone Harbour Management Plan that detail the reasoning behind the objection to this proposal:

1. The overall goal of the Langstone Harbour management plan is to promote the sustainable use of Langstone Harbour by managing human activity in and around the Harbour so as to maintain the value of its natural resources, especially those identified as of national and international significance.
2. Two of the Management Plan objectives are; to conserve and seek to enhance the nature conservation value of the harbour and its surroundings, and to encourage land use practices on land around the Harbour that will maintain and enhance its value to nature conservation and the quality of its landscape.
3. The Management Plan recommends that the open area around the harbour is part of the Harbour's landscape and nature conservation value and should be retained and managed for these purposes in association with the harbour itself.
4. The plan states that the water, mud and shore of Langstone Harbour are vital elements in the landscape and recreational structure of south east Hampshire. Collectively, the landscape and recreational resources of Langstone, Portsmouth and Chichester Harbours are of national importance.
5. The plan states that although the natural extent of Langstone Harbour has been reduced by land claim, encroaching urban development and the construction of sea defences, the remaining area of open land around the harbour is a key element in its character, enhancing its value for nature conservation, landscape and recreation.

As this proposal is for building upon green field land currently used by Brent Geese and wading birds, the committee believe the proposal to be in conflict with the recommendations and objectives of the Langstone Harbour Management Plan.

Yours Sincerely,



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