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As a local resident I have attended the public meetings concerning the proposed development .

I understand the need for additional housing and accept that this piece of land is good for development.

My major concerns are the effect that the proposed works will have upon the local infrastructure and services.

The local roads especially at school and college times are very busy. The junction at the roundabout of Crookhorn Lane and Stakes Road is virtually gridlocked at these times. Will the introduction of traffic lights in College Road make much difference , I doubt it. With the extra cars generated by over 700 housing units and possible increase in the size of the local schools, things will only get worse.

I hope this matter is properly addressed, only time will tell.

The other major concern is the effect upon the local doctors surgery (Portsdown Group Practice). We can at the moment get an emergency appointment, but for a general appointment we can have to wait up to 4 weeks. I understand that money would be available to increase the size of the practice, which is fine for providing additional surgery space, but will they be able to provide the additional doctors etc , I doubt it , there is a national shortage of qualified practitioners.