

Dear Lesley.

I am aware the slot for Public Comment has closed, but given we are inundated lately with screams of Climate problems, I can't hold back from writing to you to add comments.

Last week a highly regarded document was published by a group of eminent scientists– the State of Nature report. It seems Britain is one of the most depleted nations on earth regarding our nature, which is being lost before our eyes. Their words not mine. The scientists now say "Extinction is now an Emergency".

I sincerely hope someone with some power in Havant Council was watching the news, and is joining up the dots. This is the real problem – everyone knows we are losing vast swathes of vital nature, and it's terrible impact on the planet and yet still the destruction continues. Climate change and agriculture are major causes, but so is habitat.

Starling populations are down 81%! I have over 30 daily in my garden, but they won't be there long is all the greenery is removed. Pollinating insects Including bees, "vital to our food supplies", are down over 30% - due to loss of hedges. My garden is currently alive with them – but it won't be, they'll go, as they have in gardens near the Haven Estate just yards from my house.

And so, we plead yet again that the outside vegetation of the field is left as is, and fewer houses are built in the corridor between. I am aware you are very busy, but this matter is so pressing. And if approval is given to destroy all that habitat, it is gone forever. The wildlife is dwindling fast.

Kind regards