

Comments for Planning Application APP/18/00380

Application Summary

Application Number: APP/18/00380

Address: Southmere Farm, The Mallards, Havant

Proposal: Outline application for the construction of 3No. two storey detached dwellings, following demolition of existing buildings.

Case Officer: David Eaves

Customer Details

Name: Mr Colin Hedley

Address: 21 Lower Grove Road HAVANT

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Consultation modified

Stance: Customer made comments neither objecting to or supporting the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I am writing with reference to the outline planning application re the farmyard at Langstone Dairy Farm, now referred to as Southmere Farm.

I have been genuinely touched by the comments from local residents and would like to thank them for their concern but can confirm that my activities at Southmere are now very definitely a hobby rather than a livelihood. The current uncertainty over the post-Brexit framework for farming and a likely scenario pushing even more towards producing cheap food at large economies of scale makes it clear there is no truly commercial future for the farm and my full-time career as an environmental adviser to the farming industry has provided the vast majority of my income for many years.

With my family having worked the land for over 50 years I am pleased to say that we have a very good and respectful relationship with our landlord who is also the developer. They have kept us consulted at all stages and have made provisions for me to continue haymaking on the field for the foreseeable future. I am keen to do this and believe that the grazier at Southmoor will want to graze his cattle on the field in the autumn and spring which will help keep the sward well maintained.