

APP/22/00669 | Outline planning application with all matters reserved (except for access) for the development of up to 140 residential dwellings (C3 Use), with access from Meyrick Road, the provision of open space, landscaping and other associated work...

I am writing on behalf of Havant Civic Society to object to this proposed development on the following grounds.

1) Access. This is intended to be via Meyrick Road, which will need to be widened to meet the required standard. Meyrick Road in turn can be accessed from Ranelagh Road which is currently unadopted, as are other adjoining roads Abrams Way, Doyle Close and Longcroft Way. The last three were built by Foreman Homes and despite the fact that this anomaly was raised at the DFC for this development, they remain unadopted. Whether this is down to a lack of action from Foreman Homes or Havant Borough Council or both is unclear but it does not inspire confidence that the roads in this proposed development will be adopted. Altogether an unsatisfactory situation. A more suitable access would be from Marples Way but the presence of a ransom strip seems to be deterring the developers and HBC from pursuing this option in a more determined way.

2) Traffic. This is already a problem in West Street, Brockhampton Road and adjoining streets, as flagged in existing objections to this application. It is likely to get worse with not only the additional vehicle movements generated by this development but those from the more recently proposed development off Palk Road and the long standing plan for new housing on the Portsmouth Water site. While there is talk of residents being encouraged to use public transport and bicycles, this is more idealistic than practical as things stand.

3) Flooding. The proposed site is adjacent to a flood zone related to the Hermitage Stream, which brings into question its suitability for housing in the long term.

There was significant dissatisfaction expressed by Councillors regarding this development when it was first proposed in January 2020 and this application seems to have done little to address their concerns. There have also been a number of cogently argued objections from local residents. All told, we believe that this application, as it stands, should not be approved.

Regards,

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Havant Civic Society