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Dear Mr Eaves

LANGSTONE TECHNOLOGY PARK – APP/22/00172

Thank you for your Notification letter dated 14 November 2022 concerning the receipt of further details from the Applicant. The information has been examined and the Langstone Residents' Association makes the following comments.

The fundamental position of the LRA is to object to the proposal and regret the loss to our community of a parkland setting for a technology business to be replaced by an industrial estate of unknown future activity. Havant will be the poorer following the demolition of all the award-winning Arup Associates buildings on this site.

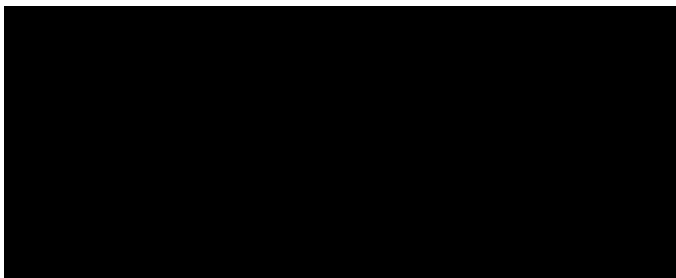
The additional information provided by XLB Ltd appears to be a partial response to public concerns expressed in June 2022, and for that we are grateful. However, the primary concern was about the height of some of the buildings adjacent to the eastern boundary and that has not been addressed. Those buildings remain at 18 metres and to reduce their visibility the planting to the earth mound is to be reinforced. This does not satisfactorily address the point made by the residents of Brookmead Way. Acknowledging the visual barrier will eventually hide the buildings in Langstone Park it is noted in the short term those structures will be very dominant. The cross sections of the

site show the expected growth over a period of 15 years. If this project is to proceed any new planting should be undertaken in the current planting season to ensure the maximum screening is achieved at the earliest possible time.

The Highways data seems to be a side issue about Footpath 51B and a cycle path somewhat unconnected with the redevelopment of this land and its buildings. Similarly, the Flood Risk Assessment, all 234 pages of statistics and standard details, does not appear to have great relevance to the principle or concept of the plans for this site.

The matter of importance to the Community of Langstone and in fact the whole of southern Havant, is the scale and density of this proposal. It is completely out of scale with the residential area of Langstone and should be rejected. Theoretical models of schemes often produce the answer being sought but taking the example of the retail park at Solent Road, reality may result in something completely different.

Yours sincerely



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