

Comments for Planning Application APP/21/01350

Application Summary

Application Number: APP/21/01350

Address: Land north of Oysters, Station Road, Hayling Island

Proposal: Outline application for erection of up to 29 dwelling units and associated highway works with all other matters reserved.

Case Officer: Lewis Oliver

Customer Details

Name: Not Available

Address: Not Available

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Complainant

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Please find below my objection to planning applications APP/21/01350 LAND NORTH OF OYSTERS and APP/21/01351 LAND SOUTH OF SALTMARSH LANE

Both these sites are on land that is adjacent to one another so my objections for both are the same.

Please accept my objection in consideration of the multiple other planning applications that are also in discussion, namely Sinah Lane, West Town, Rook Farm and Elm Grove to the north and the Langstone Industrial park I understand is being considered and the land by Mill Lane in Langstone. Roughly calculating what these sites would all amount to, our small rural/coastal island, accessed by a single bendy road over a bridge is proposed to support another 650 /750 houses - it doesn't take much to work out how many people this brings and the infrastructure required. With little employment opportunity on the island this inevitably means a huge increase in car journeys back & forth from the island daily, schooling, doctors, dentists, supermarkets, etc. all which barely meet the current needs of the population.

The reason for my objections are as follows:

Natural environment

We are spoilt with wildlife on our island, from bats, Brent geese, deer, birds of prey, bees, all which benefit from the areas of crops, trees, grassland. Unless you have had your heads buried you will be aware that our planet is on the brink of natural disaster. We should be doing all within our power to maintain habitats and secure green spaces not just for now but for the next generations. What a gift the Billy Line and the coastal paths are - what we need is ideas that bring people to the

island to enjoy the calm and nature. The Council should be leading ideas for greener paths, tree planting, green energy, habitat protection and renewal. Prosper from what is here already, why concrete over it for poorly designed housing that is only there to line the pockets of greedy developers. If you permit development of this size, what efforts are you putting on these developers to ensure solar panels and heat source pumps are used for heating, timbers to be used instead of PVC etc.? What green spaces will be maintained and new trees planted to ensure that the Billy Line is not turned into a path through a housing estate and that the habitats will be maintained? The huge addition of street and house lighting will create light pollution that is detrimental to the environment.

The land proposed for development is also currently growing crops - should food not be prioritised over housing in a time when overseas food supply is uncertain?

I could on and on, but visit the site, stand on the Billy Line on a spring evening as I did last night and listen to the abundance of birdsong and see the wildlife and the beautiful view out on to the coast line. And then fast forward to your planning proposals being accepted and imagine how this is destroyed.

Flooding

It's pretty obvious to see how low lying the island is. Climate change predicts seas rising exponentially in the coming years. A report in this planning application objects to this development purely on the grounds of potential flooding of this site. Concreting over land that already doesn't naturally drain well is a disaster waiting to happen for the island, the surrounding land and the potential residents of this land who will pay the penalty. Enough said.

Traffic, noise, pollution

The main Havant Road leading to the south of the island is a nightmare. It is a narrow, bendy, single lane road with no run offs or proper alternative routes, accessed by a bridge. It is simply not built to accept thousands of new cars and daily car journeys from these proposed developments. I see daily ambulances struggle to navigate the traffic, lorries delivering goods to the south of the island rattle through, not suitable for such small roads. Cyclists who risk life & limb along this road should be supported by traffic reduction policies not traffic increase. In the summer the tailbacks are crazy because the roads are not up to managing the volume of traffic. With your proposed developments gridlock will be a daily nightmare for anyone looking to travel off the island. The Havant roundabout is a joke and not able to manage traffic through Langstone onto the island.

If a bridge link to Portsmouth were to be built this is an entirely different picture as traffic will disperse in different directions but as this is a pipedream it is incumbent upon the people deciding for and against these planning proposals properly understand the island and the small roads, the danger they pose and the outcome is that drivers start to use the Northney road or West Lane as a cut through which are even more narrow and dangerous, with no pavements.

I urge you to object these proposed plans - preserve what is good about the island - make the most of poorly used land before destroying the environment - we can't cope with these proposals on our small island!