

Objections to APP/21/010701 proposal to build 43 new dwellings on land south of Lower Road

I write with regard to the above proposal and must once again object to another proposal being put forward by Bargate.

This additional application was totally expected from Bargate, a company who by their actions show no consideration as to what they completely destroy as long as they make a profit.

Bargate's previous planning application for 50 dwellings was relentlessly pursued by them even though they received a considerable amount of objection from local residents and had their application rejected by our councillors who voted unanimously twice to reject their proposal. The application was finally pushed through by an 'independent' inspector who was clearly politically led. This did not make it right and has now led Bargate to submit this further planning application for an additional 43 dwellings. Proposing even more destruction of our heritage and loss of wildlife.

What the inspector granted has now resulted in a once rural, tranquil area enjoyed by many being destroyed. With heritage and wildlife all being lost for good. Cast aside for noisy, intrusive and inappropriate development. Another green field site lost.

The protection of our heritage and the safety of our roads for ALL who use it should be of paramount importance to our council. Bargate have demonstrated that they do not care for either as long as they can return a profit. They will walk away from this mess leaving the residents to live with the consequences.

As with all the previous proposals to develop in Lower Road, it does not answer any of the serious issues the residents have raised concerning access and the protection of our heritage which is being relentlessly eroded away by development. The harm it would have on the whole of the Conservation area would be catastrophic.

The character and charm of Old Bedhampton that so many of us loved and enjoyed has already been diminished by the first development. Please do not destroy it completely.

Access to the site is poor and has not been, and cannot be, addressed. The site is only reached by Brookside Road and Lower Road. Part of Lower Road has no pavement and the roadway is therefore shared with pedestrians, cyclists, horse riders and disability scooters. The road is narrow and has a double blind bend. The highways agency have apparently declared this road safe, but this is simply not true. But once again no one is listening. This development will increase the daily traffic flow and put all users of the road in much greater danger. It was already unsafe before the 50 houses were granted. This additional 43 will add even more traffic to Lower Road which will not be able to cope with this level of traffic and will become extremely unsafe for all road users.

Lower Road and Brookside are in a Conservation area and this increase in traffic flows will also cause greater pollution which is detrimental to the buildings that the Conservation area is trying to protect. Access to and from the site is such a major issue and one that I feel CANNOT be overcome. Any increase in traffic would be detrimental to the Conservation Area and put all road users in greater danger.

HBC have a duty to protect heritage and what remains of our greenfield sites. This further development is one step too far. The planning officers should have been proud to have had an area like Old Bedhampton within the Borough and should have been passionate and brave enough to protect it from unsound development. They failed. Please do not again.

This proposal should be REJECTED.

NO more building on greenfield sites.

PROTECT what is left of our heritage

PROTECT wildlife. You cannot keep on mitigating away issues. With the Forty Acres development and now the fencing around the Lower Road Phase 1 development I have seen an upsetting increase in road kill where wildlife has been forced on to the roadways in their desperate search for food and shelter. They need a home as well.

PROTECT lives. Do not put the residents and visitors in danger with unfit and dangerous roads.

The charm of Old Bedhampton rests in your hands. This proposal of yet more housing in this heritage and wildlife rich area is one step too far. Please do not destroy it for good.

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