

My ref LHB/MR/18b
Ask for Megan Roberts

24th March 2022

Dear Mr Oliver,

1. LAND SOUTH OF SALTMARSH LANE, HAYLING ISLAND, PO11 0JT

OUTLINE APPLICATION FOR ERECTION OF UP TO 60 DWELLING UNITS WITH ACCESS; ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPE AND HIGHWAY WORKS ON LAND SOUTH OF SALTMARSH LANE, AND ALL OTHER MATTERS RESERVED.

I refer to your letter dated 22nd March 2022 and the detailed drawings and documents viewed on the Havant Borough Council website concerning the above planning application.

The Board's Planning Sub Committee considered this application and **objected** to the proposal on the following grounds:

1. The Langstone Harbour Management Plan recommends that open areas around the Harbour is an important part of the Harbour's landscape and nature conservation value, thus should be retained and managed for these purposes.
2. The proposed development site is of local ecological importance to bat species (dominated by common and soprano pipistrelle), with soprano pipistrelle noted as a species of principal importance in the UK's Biodiversity Action Plan.

The Board's Planning Sub Committee understands that the proposed development is part of Havant Borough Council's Five Year Housing Supply scheme, thus is likely to be approved. If this is the case, Langstone Harbour Board comments that:

1. Lighting is minimised during construction to minimise disturbance to resident bats.
2. The western and southern site boundary vegetation is retained to ensure commuting corridors for bats are available.
3. The loss of arable land has the potential to reduce the available resource of suitable habitat for foraging and resting Brent Geese, which could have a significant effect on a regional scale.

Yours Sincerely,



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