

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: I am hopeful that HBC's shortfall of new housing in an attempt to reach targets they now admit they should not have made, will not lead to ill-advised decisions on Hayling - such as the developments north of Oysters.

(i) Southern Water is unable to process current levels of waste water and, at present, neither campaigners nor political representatives have managed to make any headway regarding upgrading the early Victorian sewage infrastructure or even lengthening the pipe into the English Channel, leading to increased localised pollution levels (including olfactory pollution as well as a record 400 pollution incidents annually, for which SW was fined £7.7million). All this despite record profits for SW in 2020 of £213.2million. The existing health hazards to local people will obviously be increased by putting additional homes anywhere on Hayling.

(ii) As with Rook Farm, Brent Geese, Song Thrushes and Sky Larks along with Ringed Plovers have all been seen in and around this site: all of these birds are on the red list and facing serious decline.

(iii) Hayling island is restricted by having only a single road on and off the island. Current plans to have some traffic lights on West Lane are moribund and will offer no significant relief with daily trips across the bridge already moving to 30k per day and offer no sensible plan to ensure that emergency services are not severely delayed. It could be argued that, given the bridge was completely closed in February, any decision to build on Hayling without investing in improved on-off infrastructure seems irresponsible.

(iv) Field and hedgerow habitats provide clean air and a sink for carbon.

New housing developments should not be at cost to green areas. Either build upwards on existing urban sites - preferably with green living walls such as those being pioneered in London, or ensure your new housing applications have green roofs and green walls with a space for large native trees and shrubs.

Given that the Council seems happy to break its own planning laws (see Long Copse Lane) I'm not optimistic that this objection, or any others, will make a difference if HBC are making planning decisions without due care and consideration.

However, the objections speak for themselves: to build further house without solving existing issues would exacerbate them. And that indirect but deliberate harm to residents would be irresponsible.