

My reasons for objecting to housing development at Rook Farm are as follows:

(i) Southern Water is unable to process current levels of waste water, and will take years to upgrade facilities.

Frequent deliberate discharges into Langstone harbour are causing death to sensitive marine eco systems and presenting health hazards to people.

(ii) The area in question has a small population of Song Thrushes and Sky Larks. Both 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. With current Highway code guide lines, whenever there is a cyclist on the main road , traffic builds up, slows down and journey times off or onto the island quadruple, and increase air pollution with the slow traffic. If there is a broken down vehicle or road works, any emergency services are severely delayed.

(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.

Really, Mr. Eaves, with the planet in such crisis- how can we justify carrying on destroying green land?

I know you are under pressure to build new homes, but you and your colleagues are in a position to ensure developments are based on sustainable green architecture, and on brown field sites.