

Objections to Bargate Homes' Planning Application in Lower Bedhampton

This development is most unsuitable and should be prevented for the following reasons:

- 1 **Safety:** the road is already hazardous because of the blind double bends which lack pavements and do not allow for the presence of vehicles passing from opposite directions without danger to pedestrians. Children and the elderly residents (e.g. those of The Lodge care home) are particularly at risk.
- 2 **Access:** Egress from Brookside Road onto Bedhampton Road is already difficult; to turn Right a motorist must first turn Left to navigate the roundabout. Experience has shown that if traffic is diverted from the A3, it is very difficult to turn onto Bedhampton Road. Furthermore the subsequent long queue of vehicles increases air pollution.
- 3 **Extra traffic:** This situation will be made worse by the extra traffic generated: presumably at least one car per household, some of which will be used to ferry children to school, particularly to shield them from the traffic hazard, again increasing air pollution .
- 4 **Where will the children of residents go to school and can the local schools accommodate them?**
- 5 **Environment:** Just when we are being urged to do more to protect the environment this building can only lead to further deterioration. Lower Bedhampton and Farlington Marshes form an important habitat for vast numbers of birds, especially Winter migrants, as well as other flora and fauna.

I see no justification for allowing this development.