

Planning Development

Public Service Plaza, Civic Centre Road,

Havant, PO9 2AX

Attn: Mr G Speller

30 August 2021

Subject: APP/21/00766 – **Objection**

We wish to **object** to the subject Application for the following reasons:

- This Application is premature in that there are many Conditions to be met under the S106 Agreement before any site groundwork can commence, including measures affecting the approaching wintering geese and waders season (October – April).
- Major works to create the refuge are 5 months behind schedule as shown in an extract from the S106 Agreement dated 28 Jun 21 under Wintering Birds Mitigation Area Works (pages 56-57). At Item A the boundary fencing should have started in April 21 but only commenced during week beginning 23 August and the contractor was having supply problems for the fencing panels at the time.
- There are ecological surveys either out of date (bat survey 2017) or incomplete such as the on-going reptile survey.
- The site was classified as a Core site but this information was not available until after the Approval decision by HBC on APP/20/01093 on 30 June 2021. This brings into question the original and all subsequent applications submitted by Barratt Homes.
- The site entrance is a known corridor for foraging bats and flapping flags are likely to be a deterrent to bats, reptiles and small mammals when combined with the additional signs and flags under Applications APP/21/00419 & 420.
- The sign is 4 metres high and the flag poles are 5.9 metres, which are completely out of keeping with the local environment and probably only observed by local residential traffic anyway.
- There is no room for the sign and flag poles where they are located on the left side of the site entrance due to the existing high shrubs and trees which are known habitats for small birds, reptiles and mammals.
- Application administration
 - o Although Barratt Homes submitted the Application on 28 July 2021, the Public Notice was not displayed on a nearby lamp post until 27 August. They were equally tardy with a very late display of the Public Notices for APP/21/00419 & 420. Planning Development has confirmed that the final comments date will be extended beyond the original 19 August date but this should be communicated to the general public accordingly.
 - o At para 7 on the Application form, Barratt Homes ticked the “No neighbours consultation” box and yet proclaim their aim is to maintain good relations with local residents.
 - o No 34 Sinah Lane is quoted as a “Property” under the Related Cases which seems strange as it is on the west side of the southern end of North Shore Road. A response to a query on this to Planning Development is still awaited.

- In summary, any planned site groundwork should be delayed until all S106 Conditions are met and after the wintering bird season is over in April 2022.