

I am writing to submit our objection to this above referenced planning application. We are residents of Old Bedhampton, [REDACTED] Our objection is primarily on the following grounds:

1. Safety. The increased volume and severity of traffic travelling along Lower Road will exacerbate an already dangerous situation that exists as all traffic, including cyclists, has to flow through narrow, blind ends with no pavements. As vehicles approach in opposite directions there is an extreme risk of a collision with other vehicles, pedestrians, cyclists, dog walkers and children playing or travelling to the park at Bidbury Mead. For us at [REDACTED] this is particularly relevant as we are located right on the bend and pulling out of the drive is a high risk event most days.

2. Conservation Area. OLD BEDHAMPTON is a popular and highly regarded conservation area and has many sites of historical significance. This application intends to build on what is left of the Greenfield site that will exist after the construction of 50 new houses which has, controversially, already been approved after a lengthy appeal process. The area will now become overcrowded and prejudice the natural surroundings and conservation status.

3. Greenfield Site. The government has recently decided to say no more to house building on Greenfield sites, This would go against that edict.

It is vital that Havant Borough Council do the right thing and reject this application. The arguments for doing so have been rehearsed and re-rehearsed ad nauseam and it is clear that this application is a flagrant attempt by Bargate Homes to get around the original decision not to allow an application for 100 new houses. It would be a travesty were this application to be allowed to proceed. The building of 50 new houses is already damaging enough...it needs to stop now.

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