

The Planning officer
APP/21/00647?

Ref APP/21/00647 Proposed 65 dwellings on land at Southmere, Havant Road, Havant

As a resident of Hayling Island I am writing in to object to this proposal, because of the impact on the traffic and infrastructure in the area which is already under severe strain. I appreciate there have been traffic reports, and an HBC Housing allocation plan which still has to be approved because of the infrastructure. The information for this was based on the latest available which is now nearly ten years old, so is perhaps not accurate enough in this instance. The proposed development would affect the almost stationary traffic at times now, with increased use of the turn off into and out of the Mallards.

The separate traffic report which forms part of this application refers to accidents etc which are not numerous but 'the residual cumulative impacts on the road network would be severe', to quote the report. This would affect not only the road users, but those living on either side, with yet more noise and fumes.

Other infrastructure issues affected by any additional housing, would be services and drainage in particular. This is already a problem for both Langstone and Chichester Harbours, where the number of discharges from the foul sewer network occur far more frequently already where the network is under strain and has not been expanded to keep pace with this or any other proposed housing. This has an on going affect on all the surrounding areas, including Hayling.

Last, but not least I understand that the field had a covenant set on it to prevent development, and allow space for winter waders, and a natural break between the outlying areas of Havant, and the village of Langstone. The field also has an important function as a catchment area for rainwater, which we keep reducing at our peril.