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Dear Sirs

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended)

Site Address: - Land South of Bartons Road, Havant Outline Application for residential Development (175 Dwellings) with associated infrastructure.
Application Number APP/15/01435

We have reviewed the application in connection with the above and make the following observations. We are not against the principle of the proposal and accept the site will be developed for housing. However we are of the opinion the application requires amendment.

We have noticed that all recent applications for housing are planned on a standalone basis with little regard to the impact it will have on the surrounding environment. There seems to be no integration of services with neighbouring sites. In addition this site like so many others, apart from housing, no other community benefits so the success of the development will be partly down to the availability of existing services.

We live close to the entrance and know only too well the lack of services, schools, shop facilities, pubs restaurants which are accessible without using private cars. In addition there is no public transport and no scope to add public transport given the space for a bus stop was taken away about 6 years ago.

We know from our own experience 70% of all journeys made from our property involve traveling south, whether it be to Havant, the A27 to get onto the national network or to local shops. The most common route we use is Eastleigh Road a narrow road with no pavements in critical areas close to housing, blind entrances and this is unsuitable for volumes of traffic. In addition with the increased traffic created with the grant of planning for the 57 houses to the north of Bartons Road the traffic on Bartons Road at the junction

with Horndean Road will be significantly worse than it currently is. It regularly queues back past our house entrance and cars coming out of the new development will simply not get access onto Bartons Road during rush hour.

The scheme shows the only vehicular access coming to the north of the site which will add a mile to the vast majority of journeys made from the development going south. There should be a route linking the site with the existing housing developments to the south at Denvilles so that deliveries can move from one street to the next without going around, traffic from the development can proceed in a southerly direction as they set off without having to go around a long tortuous route and the site can be developed with links to the town centre rather than having an only access to the outskirts of the town. We might feel differently if the area around us had either public transport or public facilities but it actually has nothing so virtually every journey to and from the site will be by vehicle.

We strongly believe the application should only proceed with a north and southerly vehicular access and not the one currently shown as the vast majority of traffic will be going south from the site. We understand it will be necessary to add traffic calming measures to road on the development but this will be the only way of integrating the development with the surrounding sites and make the local facilities more accessible.

Yours faithfully

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