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Hi Sally

As per your email today 4th June 2013 I am writing to confirm that I have now collected 1430 signatures against the planning application for the removal of the AMF Bowling Alley at Havant Retail Park, which I have achieved from actually being at the bowling alley and hope to get a lot more.

All the people that have signed are against more houses being built and the fact that they will no longer have a Bowling alley to go to if this planning application goes ahead.

I have already given you most of the signatures I have received.

I have also spoken to all of the following Disability groups that attend and they would not have anywhere to go if this site is removed. They are unable to go to the Gunwharf site due to high car parking charges and also they are unable to get their disabled transporters into the car park. They would also then have to go up several floors via a small lift which would take a lot of time to get their people to the bowling alley there. They practically like the AMF on Havant Retail Park as it has ease of access and no parking fees.

Portsmouth Day Services
Havant Day Services
Waterlooville Day Services
Dolphin Homes
Fitzroy Disability
Signature Carer Support
SCA Care in the Community
Blind Association

I have approximately 45 junior bowlers age from 4 years old to 18 years old that attend the Havant Youth Bowling Club every week and as a club the bowling alley down at Gunwharf do not appreciate professional bowlers, people would not want to travel that far into Portsmouth, the lanes down there are not looked after, there is always drink spilt on the lanes so the bowlers would not be able to wear their professional shoes. Also the alley allows a person to use everyday shoes which then destroys the lanes. We have children that have played for Junior Team England (and have been picked again for this year) and also for the Hampshire team at professional level. If this application got approved these children would have nowhere to go at the weekends and also nowhere to train for their tournaments. My daughter also does training during the week where she also teaches children how to bowl and also practices herself for her Junior England tournaments; she is also now being entered for international tournaments which require her to train more.

I have also spoken to all the League Bowlers that are there every night

Premier League
Monday Duo League
Tuesday Doubles League
Double 07 League
Marconi League
S.E.B League

Havant YBC League
Industrial Pirates League
Jacob's Duo League

All these bowlers approx 250 in total for the week would not have anywhere they could bowl. They have also signed against this planning application. Other bowling alleys either do not have enough space to take all these people or do not run league bowling.

Where we can appreciate that the Government have told Councils to get more homes, if this Entertainment centre is removed there will be nothing this side of Portsdown Hill for the children/disability/older generation to go to. We have been crying out for more things to do in this area and now we are being told that the one we have maybe taken away.

We have heard whispers that there may be other bowling alleys being planned for Havant and would appreciate if you could confirm whether you have had any plans or enquires about this.

I also forgot to leave my name at the meeting for you to keep me informed of any development, please could you add me to your lists.

Yours faithfully

Sandie Montgomery
Havant YBC Secretary