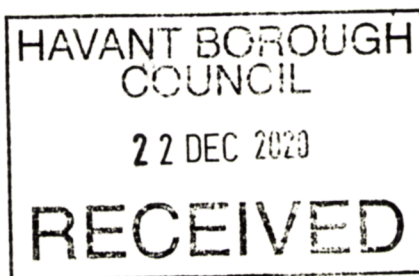


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19th December 2020

Dear Sir,

Application No: APP/18/00724 – Erection of 195 Dwellings on Sinah Lane

We have strong objections to the building of 195 dwellings on Sinah Lane, Hayling Island for the following reasons:

1. Hayling Island has a beautiful coastal landscape and currently has a good mix of residential, a few small commercial businesses and arable farmland. It has always been a very pleasant and safe place to live and visit on holiday. In the last few years this situation has been eroded by the reduction of green spaces with more and more land being used for residential and building developments, several being constructed at this time, for example on Sea Front, West Town, Elm Grove and Manor Way. **This has to stop.** To state the obvious, Hayling is an island and once all the green spaces have been built on, the ambience of the island will be lost. Unlike a town on the mainland where, however large, people can drive out of built up areas and into green spaces, on Hayling that would simply not be possible. Hayling must keep its green spaces, not only for the wildlife but because it acts as a valuable amenity for its inhabitants.
2. There is no doubt that the most serious infrastructure problem on the island is the A3023. Being a single lane carriageway and the one and only road, it is constantly busy and frequently blocked in both directions. It is not helped by the traffic problems at the Havant roundabout. It can take as long as 45 minutes to get on or off the island. A further 300-400 cars joining this circus is madness. Recent events such as the chaos created when the water main burst indicates the vulnerability of the infrastructure on this road, especially as the Council seems to have no contingency planning for such events. In addition Southern Water frequently have problems with sewage removal. There have been a number of cases in recent months when tankers have had to be called in to remove waste water because the present permanent system cannot cope. To consider this application before the infrastructure is improved simply does not make any sense whatsoever and shows a complete lack of responsibility by the Council.
3. With the problems of bridges on the Continent two years ago we would like assurance that the Hayling bridge is safe to take the increased number of vehicles, some of them being the heaviest HGVs, using it. The planned capacity of the bridge must have been exceeded by now. The bridge is already showing signs of deterioration. We understand that a survey is to be conducted on the bridge but this is not for several years. In the meantime if there was a problem with the bridge what emergency planning measures does the Council have in place to deal with such a crisis?
4. There is very little employment on the island. Indeed in the last few years a number of businesses have closed, including all of the banks. All those moving into these houses will have to seek employment off the island thereby increasing traffic on the A3023. By the same token there

are very few leisure facilities on the island and young families will have to seek such activities elsewhere thereby further increasing the traffic on the road.

5. A major problem, which will be exacerbated with an increased population, is the time it takes to get a doctor's appointment. To see the doctor of your choice the delay can be as long as 4 weeks already. This is unacceptable now and will only get worse.

6. The site the developers have chosen is one on a major cycle route to and from the Hayling Billy trail, which is used by both adults and children. We frequently take our grandchildren on cycle rides passed the proposed entry point of the estate. Safety will be significantly reduced if this application goes ahead.

7. Flooding, waste water, pollution of the environment are all additional factors that effect the infrastructure on the island and improvements must take place before this application should be considered.

For all these reasons we object strongly to the proposal to build 195 dwellings on Sinah Lane. Would you please make our objections known to the Council's Planning Committee.

Yours faithfully

