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Planning Policy Team
Havant Borough Council
Civic Centre Road
Havant
Hampshire
PO9 2AX



Re Draft Local Plan Housing Statement APP/21/010701

Dear Sir / Madam

I write to you today, to urge you to oppose this planning application.

I would say generally that any proposal to increase housing stock in this area seems to be very flawed; and would compound the grievous mistake by the Government inspector in allowing permission to Bargate homes to develop approximately 50 houses on land south of Lower Road, which the council had previously declined.

I do not believe that there genuinely is the need for this large increase and am further concerned that the underlying infrastructure of the area is not adequate to support this potentially large influx of population.

I do object to this proposed development on several counts as listed in no particular order :-

- * The land is very adjacent to a conservation area
- * The proposed housing would invariably add to the existing traffic pollution and congestion
- * The approach roads to the area are already narrow and dangerous. they barely provide room for two cars to pass each other, and in places there are no pavements meaning that pedestrians are in great danger. Any increased traffic volume will compound this existing problem
- * The land at present is a picturesque buffer between other built up areas
- * I believe the land is very low lying and adjacent to a flood plain, often the proposed land for this development is to be seen waterlogged
- * I believe the housing will be very close to a local natural spring
- * The land is currently used extensively by wildlife including geese, (I believe that the geese I refer to are Brent Geese, but I am not a trained ornithologist) I have also seen Deer and birds of prey both Buzzards and Red Kites.
- * The building of so small a number of dwellings will do little to actually address the housing needs of the borough, and would I believe cause a disproportionate level of damage for the houses created
- * I believe that to undertake such a development would cause a vast change to the nature and character of the area with an obvious impact on the adjacent conservation area
- * I further believe that if such a proposal is granted it would be tantamount to institutionalised vandalism of an important and irreplaceable natural environment.

Yours faithfully

