

HAVANT BOROUGH
COUNCIL

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Dear Sirs,

RE: APP/21/00647

MAJOR HOUSE BUILDING IN LANGSTONE- SOUTHMERE

I am writing to object to the application submitted by Persimmon Homes South Coast (PHSC) to build 65 new homes on the land adjacent to Langstone Road (A3023) south of the Mallards.

My objections are as follows:

1. This land is not designated for housing. When the development of The Mallards started, the then landowner covenanted with Havant Borough Council to the effect "that no house or other dwelling unit shall be built on the land and the land shall not be developed to provide residential accommodation of any sort." The Borough Council has previously acknowledged the binding nature of this covenant and maintained and honoured its effect on the site. The present Administration must be reminded of its obligations and reject the application submitted.
2. A Transport Assessment was required for Hayling Island as part of the preparation of the Local Plan. Some of these elements remain unresolved. To avoid further stressing of the A3023 before the Adoption of the new Local Plan, the Borough Council resolved to refuse permission for any new accesses to be formed onto that road. Persimmon Homes South Coast proposes to defeat that restriction by forming an access to their development from the existing Mallards access road. This would create an unacceptable overload on the junction with the A3023 and compromise the use of other access within The Mallards development.
3. There are very few green areas remaining in Langstone, which is now being subsumed into urban Havant. Bosmere Field has already been lost to developers and we, as local residents, have to put up with litter and traffic congestion from both the Premier Inn and Langbrook Farm Family Restaurant. Developers excused the loss of that field by arguing the habitat for the displaced wildlife would be replaced at Southmere. Conveniently, that agreement has been forgotten.
4. My understanding is that planning permission has already been approved for residential building by the Civic Centre Campus (for 225 dwellings) and Market Parade (for 130 dwellings).

Please take these objections into consideration when finalising your decision.

Yours faithfully