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Planning Services
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Proposed Development of Southmere Field, Langstone

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to register my objection to the development of Southmere Field by Persimmon Homes.

TRAFFIC.

Are the Planning Department blind to what is happening with the adjacent road the A3023. On a regular basis now the roundabout that joins the A3023 to the A27 becomes blocked. This is because the traffic entering the A3023 South becomes jammed and consequently blocks the roundabout. The further consequence of this is that the centre of Havant becomes grid locked and traffic just cannot move South. This is a worsening situation and if it continues people will stop coming to the Havant shops with the consequent effect on the local economy. Another consequence is a ten minuet journey to Hayling Island takes an hour or more.

The traffic solution being proposed by this development will only make matters worse. substantially worse. Any one with a modicum of common sense must see this. Any disruption to traffic flow will cause even more congestion. I think it is perfectly reasonable that residents who have to use the A3023 should be protected from a substantially worsening traffic problem. We as residents should have the ability to go about our daily lives without the constant threat of ever increasing delays.

THE ENVIRONMENT

A covenant was place on this land by Havant Borough Council for good reasons, what has changed. Are those good reasons no longer valid, I think not. Those reasons are more relevant now than ever. This meadow provides a unique part of the local environment an area that residents and visitors alike can enjoy the changing facet through the seasons from the spring meadow flowers to the harvesting of the hay. People need houses but not at any price, this unique area of land needs to be left for the enjoyment for generations to come. A vital part of the local infrastructure, once it has been swallowed up by urban sprawl it's gone forever and cannot be replaced.

As I have said people need houses but the loss of this green area is a price far, far too big to pay. I strongly urge the planning authorities to reject the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

