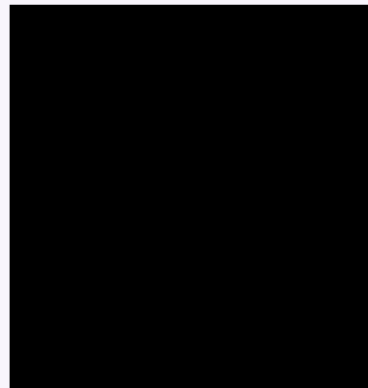
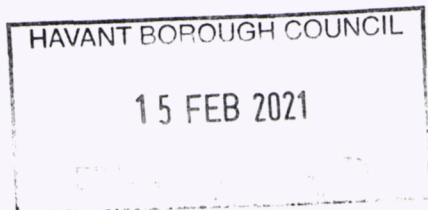




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1st February 2021

Dear Mrs Pickup,

Planning Application No. APP/21/00024

I refer to the proposed development to build 6 flats/apartments on the site known locally as "Joey's Field" in Padnell Road Cowplain, under the above planning application.

It is hard to believe that we have yet another application that is destined to reduce the quality of life for those residents already living in the area surrounding this development. The people of Cowplain choose to live here because it is preferable to living in a city and where the environmental quality of life should be something that should not overly concern us. Moreover, you are already aware that Padnell Road is an extremely busy thoroughfare and to propose yet another development on the road at its busiest point is foolhardy. The installation of traffic lights at the junction of London Road and Padnell Road as part of the A3 bus priority scheme is already causing considerable problems with the long queues forming in Padnell Road and this will be exacerbated by the proposed 82 dwellings to be built at Padnell Grange.

It should be borne in mind that Padnell Road already has its dangers in being a bus route and, moreover, a busy thoroughfare for children with two schools, a nursery and a health centre and residents believe it is only a matter of time before someone, possibly a child, is the subject of a traffic accident.

The question is what benefits arise from the building of these flats? I do not see how it benefits the Council in meeting Government housing targets as with the MDA still to be completed, 6 flats are insignificant in the overall scheme of things. The current residents certainly do not benefit as they have to contend with over development and a reduction in their quality of life. The development will possibly

add up to 12 more cars to an already congested road infrastructure, 20 more people seeking GP and NHS dentist services, 10 more children seeking school placement, not to mention the added effects on utilities such as the already overloaded and ageing sewerage system.

I believe it is the Council's responsibility to ensure the quality of life of its existing residents takes priority and is not to help feather the nest of greedy developers. The residents of Padnell Road have had enough and the time has come to curb development in this area to preserve our way of life, particularly when there is enormous potential for development in the less populated areas of Hampshire. I strongly oppose development on the proposed site as it will exacerbate already serious traffic problems in Padnell Road and the building will be dominating and out of place and thus incompatible with the existing surrounding area and detrimental to the current residents and amenities.

