

Forty Acres



Long Acre
Westways
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PO9 3LN

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Your ref: APP/18/00450
Case Officer Lewis Oliver

Dear Mr. Oliver,

We wish to strongly object to the proposed development at Forty Acres, Bedhampton for the following reasons:

1. The proposed site, scale and design of the care home. Looking at the plans this would result in a serious invasion of our privacy and if tall trees were planted as in the Design and Access Statement we would lose substantial light. The boundary runs adjacent to our property. Our property and garden would be severely overlooked resulting in lack of privacy. There would be ongoing noise from visitors, staff, residents and health and social care staff at all times of day and night with additional periodic noise from blue light ambulances, bin lorries, deliveries etc. We would bring your attention to your responsibilities under the Human Rights Act Protocol 1 article 1 which states that a person has a right to peaceful enjoyment of all their possessions which includes home and land. Article 8 of the Human Rights Act states also that a person has a substantive right to respect for their private and family life. We contest that the building of the care home will deny us this right. We are also concerned regarding our right to darkness as there will inevitably be lighting in the car parking area adjacent to our property impacting our ability to sleep. Our peaceful enjoyment of our property will also likely be impacted by inevitable noise and smells from catering, housekeeping and the sanitary waste.
2. The whole project is being rushed through before the Local Plan has been published and before the local infrastructure can be improved for such a large development.
 - Local health and social care services are at breaking point. Doctor's surgeries are barely coping at present and more consideration needs to be given to the provision of care for the new residents before approval is given. Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust is one of the worst performing in the country particularly for accident and emergency access and 18 week waits. The CQC reported in February and March this year that its inspectors found that a patient had died and lives were put at risk due to care delays.

- Traffic is already very heavy along the A2030 making it, at times, very difficult to pull out of Westways to turn right and the Rusty Cutter Roundabout is incredibly congested at peak times. It will be worse if the development goes ahead.
 - Children will have to cross the A3 to get to their schools and due to the very real dangers and pollution at the Rusty Cutter roundabout under the A3 parents will inevitably drive their children to school causing a knock on effect of traffic jams in the schools area. Any incidents on the A17 already cause gridlock along the A2030.
3. The area is very close to Langstone Harbour SSSI. Only 0.07% of this site is in favourable condition, with the rest unfavourable recovering or unfavourable unchanged. The surrounding land use contributes to recovery of the ecosystem with which is critical for a vast array of birds (lapwings, buzzards, Brent Geese), other wildlife (bats and deer). Forty acres field provides a lung in an otherwise very built up and congested area. See
<https://designatedsites.naturalengland.org.uk/ReportConditionSummary.aspx?SiteCode=S1001182&ReportTitle=Langstone%20Harbour%20SSSI>
4. The raising of the ground level will cause enormous disruption: noise, dust and dirt over a long period of time and measures must be enforced to counteract this.

We would be grateful if the council would take into consideration all these matters before reaching a decision and bear in mind the very close proximity of our house to the proposed care home and car parking and the total lack of our privacy and the significant impact on peaceful enjoyment of our property.

We would ask that our views are taken into consideration regarding the planting scheme adjacent to our property as it will have a significant impact on us and we believe it is not usual to consult on this.

Yours sincerely



Pat Loader and Norman Loader