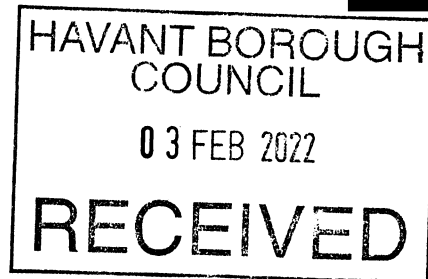


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Dear Mr Eaves,

Proposed development of land at Rook Farm. Application Number APP/21/01434

I am writing to oppose the above planning application.

ROAD DEVELOPMENT

It is hard to think of any location on Hayling Island that is more unsuitable for a new road Junction than the proposed sitting of the Rooks Farm access road that runs into St Mary's road. At this point St Mary's road is significantly narrower than the rest of the road, in addition there is no footpath on the south side of the road at this point. Most importantly perhaps someone should visit this area when children are joining or leaving the two large schools in the area. As the school day starts and ends large numbers of children walk in the road because it is so narrow at that point.

One of the proposals to gain better access to the proposed new site is to restrict the width of St Mary's Road and run the road from the North directly into the proposed new site. There for severely restricting the use of this busy thoroughfare to the present residents of Hayling Island. There is also the problem of the adjacent staggered junction at St Mary's Road and Elm Grove. A dangerous Junction that would be made even more hazardous by the increased traffic volume.

Who ever compiled the traffic report is completely out of touch with the reality of living in the local area. It is generally accepted that the A3023 is running at near full capacity making it very

difficult to get on and off the island particularly at busy times. What they have also chosen to ignore is the effect that not being able to get onto the Island has a major detrimental effect on the traffic within Havant. The junction of the A27 and A3023 becomes blocked with the sheer volume of traffic trying to enter Hayling Island, Consequently Havant becomes gridlocked. The developers do not mention that if there is an incident on the A3023 however small or that fine weather attracts people to the beaches it can often take an hour to get on or off the island. Even public transport becomes paralysed. Heavy rain and high tides cause flooding on the South side of the bridge causing traffic chaos, there are no plans to do anything about this problem.

There is little or no hope of the A3023 being improved and with the ever increasing development on the Island things will only get worse to the detriment of both visitors and residents. Even central government inspectors have commented that the local authority have not thought the traffic problem through. Why have the developers neglected to mentioned this.

INFRASTRUCTURE

There have been many protests relating to the infrastructure on Hayling Island and its inability to support the proposed housing expansion. It is at present very difficult to get a doctors appointment, the local pharmacists just cant cope, some times having to wait days for a prescription. Fresh water supply is running at the limit of its capacity especially in the summer when pressure starts to drop at busy times. Sewerage is running at full capacity and some times overflows. What are two major housing developments going to do to these problems. Many times residents have been told that improvements to the infrastructure will take place. However is hard to think of a single significant improvement in recent years.

LOSS OF VALUABLE AGRICULTURAL LAND

At a time when we as a nation more than ever we need to feed ourselves from within our own shores, the loss of this valuable farm land must be hard to justify. The proposed development also effectively destroys a right of way that has been used for many, many years. What possible justification can there be for this. People need houses but not at any price. Developers are only interested in profit (and I have no problem with that) but not when it is to the detriment to so many people.

WILDLIFE

One of the best things about living on Hayling Island is the abundance and variety of wild life on the Island. It's a matter of record that every year between November and January we have the wonderful site of flocks of Brent Geese making their winter home on the land proposed for development. In the recent past the landowners have done their best to frighten away the birds but despite this the bird's natural instinct draws them back to their historic wintering grounds. Destroying the grounds used by thousands of migrating birds would be detrimental not only to the wildlife but to residents who enjoy these magnificent flocks of birds every winter. We have a special responsibility to preserve this site for generations to come.

CONCLUSION.

It is five years since the first Rook Farm proposal was rejected and what has happened in those elapsed five years. The traffic situation has got significantly worse, specially in the North of the Island. The infrastructure has got worse, has there been any improvements in traffic management or the infrastructure during those five years. No. The Rook Farm proposal had little merit in 2017 and has even less merit now. I urge the Planners to reject it.

Yours sincerely,

