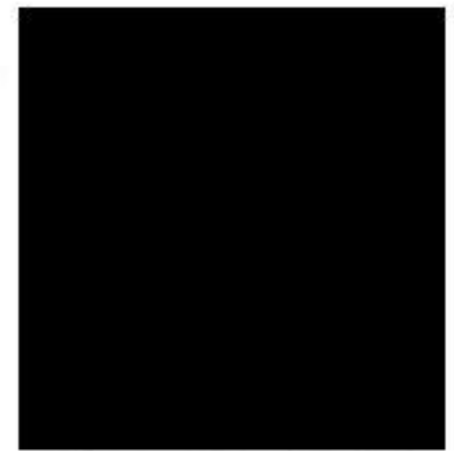




Re APP/21/010701

To whom it may concern,

I wish to strongly object to the proposal as outlined for the following reasons;

1. Safety
2. Potential flood risk
3. Impact on wildlife
4. Loss of further green space in an already fairly built up area.

1. **Safety.** There is a **hazardous narrow blind triple bend** with **no obvious pavement** on Lower Road.

The development of a further 43 houses is bound to significantly increase traffic. The risk of accidents will increase even more with this new proposal. Traffic at peak periods ie between about 7.30 and 9 a.m./3.30 and 5.30p.m. is already busy. Are we expected to wait for a serious accident to occur before anyone takes notice of our concerns? It is already hazardous for both pedestrians and cyclists, before the first phase of building has been started, and this risk will only increase if more houses with the accompanying cars are allowed.

Perhaps a **further traffic survey** should be completed as the previous one was obviously flawed? Was any note taken of the amount of traffic using Lower Road in order to get to the storage units at the far end (nearer the A27)? This appears to have increased significantly in recent months

An older person's home is also situated on one of the bends. Some residents walk regularly using sticks/mobility scooters etc. Should a vehicle be travelling too fast or on the wrong side of the road, both of which happen frequently, these people are unable to get out of the way. Due to the previous quiet nature of this road it is often used by people in wheelchairs and pushchairs, people still use it but the risk to them is now higher.

The bottom end of Brookside, which leads on to Lower Road is already congested with limited parking, causing yet more hazards.

There is already an increased volume of traffic turning right into Brookside Road, causing delays which would impact on existing tailbacks up Portsdown Hill Road and Bedhampton Hill Road. Bin day

Bin day Weds 8th Sept 2021.

Just one example of the hazards of living on Lower Road, without any new development.

Original photo below. Enlarged view R.



2. Potential flood risk.

Oct 1 2021 Rain



Oct 2 2021 Rain below



Oct 3 2021 yet more rain, water having to be removed by several tankers.



Mon 4th Oct 2021. How effective was the Environmental survey in this weather? I know that there are newts in the area as we have them in our garden. I'm not sure I would want to search for them in this weather.

I have photos taken from my house many days since the excavation was begun, and the water level has barely changed. These can be provided if necessary on request.



21st Oct 2021 above, 27 Oct 2021 below.





31st Oct 2021 above, 9 Nov 2021 below, Mon 14 Oct 2021 bottom.





Today, 18 Nov 2021 water is still here. And we are not even in to winter weather. Where is the water going to be diverted to? How is the flood risk going to be minimised?

During a recent high tide water was also across the road for several hours near the entrance to the proposed building site. How will this be dealt with?

3. Impact on wildlife.

The hedgerows are a marvellous habitat for much wildlife, including birds and insects such as butterflies, which tend to move away when works are being carried out

Since the preliminary digging activity during Sept/Oct when almost all the birds disappeared, there has been a massive increase in bird life in the hedgerows, not only sparrows but goldfinches and starlings too. A heron is a regular visitor as are many gulls and waterfowl, and the red kites.



Heron flying over 18.Nov.2021.

I wasn't quick enough to photograph it on the water, but it is often there.

If a further 43 houses are built, where will all the wildlife go?

4. Loss of green space.

Obviously we residents are lucky with the amount of green space we have, however with so many new developments eg. 40 Acres just for one, there will soon be few places where people can go and relax and walk/cycle in peace and safety, therefore impacting their physical and mental health.

Regards,

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