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FAO: Mr L Oliver **Case Officer APP/19/00403**

Dear Mr Oliver

We wish to strongly object to the proposal to construct this access road onto the busy A3 main road at such a dangerous position.

a). Development Plan Policy:

Construction traffic access for all phases of this vast development would have been detailed in accordance with the Development Plan when the initial planning approval was given. Therefore this is not a new requirement for access but one purely submitted to keep the final stages of development away from that already completed. There are at least two access points to this area already that could and should be used. 1). Turning off the Milk Lane and round the skate park (either side). 2). From the roundabouts on Houghton Avenue and Grainger Street, or a third less acceptable but safer option which is to access through the lane already in existence further down the A3 but in a safer and more visible position and away from the busy Mill Road junction.

Alternatively, the access route to be used when this phase of the development is completed could be used now for access for construction traffic unless the developer's plan is to use this proposed access road onto the A3 and not remove it within 5 years.

The inconvenience for the Developer and the few houses that will be affected cannot be allowed to override the inconvenience and the safety of the thousands who use the busy A3 throughout the day and night.

b). Highway, Safety and Traffic:

The proposed access road is out onto the very busy A3. It is not shown on any plan but traffic coming from Purbrook does so round a corner and over the brow of the hill. This causes a blind spot for construction traffic using the access road and to **all** A3 road users, especially any emergency vehicles, which would be into the slow moving construction traffic entering or leaving the access road. Accidents will happen. Construction of the requisite visibility splay will only set construction traffic further back and could exasperate the situation.

The access road will have to cross a bus lane and the pedestrian pavement. It is already difficult for traffic and buses exiting onto the A3 at the Mill road junction as it is for all the properties from that junction and up to the Goodwillies junction.

Having large construction lorries further restricting visibility and/or obstructing the traffic flow on this busy main road is not safe nor acceptable.

It appears from the plans submitted that construction traffic turning right into the access road and across the traffic flow will utilise the "meridian" already in place. This is barely long enough to accommodate traffic turning into Mill Road so any reduction should be a non starter and is certainly not wide enough to accommodate large or any construction traffic safely. While stationary, the construction traffic will not only restrict visibility to A3 and Mill Road traffic but will be a dangerous and potentially lethal obstruction in the middle of the road. To mitigate against potential damage, bollards placed on crossings in the centre of roads allow them to be collapsed by any accidental impact, large lorries will not!

There is such a crossing island opposite Mill Road. There has been a marked increase of children using this crossing (heading for the skate park). If their view up the road is obstructed by a turning construction vehicle, they will have no chance to see oncoming traffic.

The A3 is a busy road at anytime of the day. To introduce slow moving or stationary construction vehicles will affect the flow of traffic and buses including that to and from Mill Road. We have seen how quickly any delay causes a knock on effect to the surrounding infrastructure.

If this access road is approved and built, it will become a short cut for children heading for the skate park facilities. Unless they are entering from the Development's properties, they have to go a long way round to reach it. Children and construction traffic is a dangerous mix and should be avoided.

Conservation of Buildings, Trees and Hedgerows:

The hedgerow planted to give privacy to the potential homeowners and to the existing residence of London Road will be breached. It will be remain so for 5 years and probably forever.

Noise, Smells and Fumes:

Air Quality; With the introduction of slow moving and start/stopping of heavy duty construction traffic, air pollution levels will rise considerably and exceed lawful limits as highlighted in the fresh inquest due to be held into the cause of death of Ella Kissi-Debrah. As asthma sufferers, this gives us cause for concern, for us and for our children as well as others.

The inconvenience for the Developer and the few houses that will be affected cannot be allowed to override the inconvenience and the safety of the thousands who use the busy A3 throughout the day and night.

Havant Borough Council have a duty of care to ensure that any action that could so easily result in the potential for serious injury or death is not allowed to take place.

Yours sincerely,

