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Dear Mrs Lealan

I write regarding the proposed development to the south of Victoria Road, Hayling Island.

I have been a resident at Victoria Road for the last 10 years. For 7 of those 10 years, there has been considerable and prolonged flooding locally during the winter months. In particular, the fields to the south of Victoria Road have had standing water throughout January and February. The local streams and watercourses are clearly unable to cope with the winter rainfall that we routinely experience.

The area of the proposed development is categorised as a zone 3 flood risk and has a main river line running just to the south of it. In heavy weather, the water backs up and creates standing water.

Whilst the proposals include the provision of a balancing pond, I do not believe that this would be sufficient to cope with the amount of rainfall that we currently get through the winter months. The local pumping station is vulnerable to flood risk at certain times of the year and clearly needs to be accessible at all times.

Any further residential development will increase the local runoff and therefore I believe increase the likelihood and frequency of flooding. I do not think that the proposed changes will alter the current flood risk rating favourably. Indeed, it is likely that the chances and frequency of flooding will increase and I therefore strongly object to your proposals.

Yours faithfully



Douglas Sherrard - Smith

