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Dear Mrs McMurray

Ref: Planning Application - APP/17/00633 – Objection

I am writing to you with my objection to the proposed development at Orchard House, Western Avenue.

My main objection is the size that such a large development will have on the existing and significant traffic and drainage problems in the Havant Road area close to the entrance of Western Avenue.

The proposed new build is totally out of character with the existing residential dwellings. It is three storeys high and the plans show balconies and roof space for residents and visitors to oversee neighbouring homes. It is an un-attractive building and the developers appear to have made no effort for it to fit in with the surrounding area. The loss of wooded area, trees, green space and habitat will be devastating to the area. I am particularly concerned at the impact on the Pipistrelle Bats that are roosting in the trees in the wood on the western edge of the Orchard House site. I believe that under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, it is illegal to harm them or disturb their roost sites.

The impact of a potential additional 50 people living in an area currently populated by a small family will be significant, the subsequent increased noise levels due to many more people living on the site which will be further increased with staff, visitors, deliveries. Its size in terms of frontage, width and obviously height is inappropriate. Given that I have great difficulty in getting in and out of my drive on Havant Road, I believe that an additional 50 car drivers (or even 25), will worsen this situation. There is a lot of pedestrian traffic from nursing home at the beginning of Western Avenue, and I am worried about the increased traffic movement on their safety.

Finally, there has been regular overflowing of drains in Havant Road and in neighbouring homes. I know neighbours in Beach Road and Brook Gardens suffer from drainage problems and the scale of this development will worsen their situation.

I ask that this application be rejected on the basis that it will cause significant harm to the area, to the wildlife and the general amenities for the local community.

Yours sincerely

Alison Williams