

To Havant Borough Council
Planning Policy
Draft Local Plan
Civic Centre Road
Havant



Dear Sirs,

Re: Proposed Development South of Lower Road, Bedhampton (Area UE30

We write to express our objections to the proposed development for the following reasons.

1. At present the area to the south of the Lower Road is an area of outstanding natural beauty and adjacent to the Old Bedhampton Conservation Area. The proposed development would rob the Borough of one of the few areas of natural beauty that are left. It would reduce the value of the Conservation Area.
2. The Lower Road has no effective pavements along much of its length and a dangerous double bend. It is also a cycle route. We have witnessed near collisions between cars and cyclists (often children). The introduction of more houses would mean more cars and increasing the risk of a serious accident. The only access from the Lower Road is Brookside and Kingscroft Lane (which was recently flooded preventing access by this route.).
3. The proposed development is a flood plain. As residents of almost fifty years we are aware that in wet weather the present Farm Cottages were subject to flooding. The properties to the north of the Lower Road are on a bank at least three foot higher than the road surface. A recent walk by us, during heavy rain demonstrated flood water running north to south into the proposed development site.
4. At a time of increasing world food prices and with crop failure in parts of this country due to adverse weather conditions, it is folly to build on prime agriculture land.
5. The impact on local wildlife would be severe. The proposed development would mean the destruction of the hedgerow on the south side of the Lower Road which is the habitat for many birds and other wild life. The fields are also an area used by many migrant birds. The proposed development would threaten the habitat of many species of wildlife which are already rare in the Havant Borough.

Finally we question the value of resident consultation if their views are totally ignored. From your previous consultation, it was quite clear that the majority of residents were completely against any development on the area south of the Lower Road (area UE30).

Yours faithfully

