

FAO: Mr D Eaves

I am contacting you regarding a letter that we have received from HBC, dated 13 March 2019 which outlines details concerning the proposed development of 86 dwellings in Padnell Grange.

We are extremely concerned about this development as it will have a profound affect on the local community, especially those residing in Padnell Road and Cherrytree Avenue.

The feeling amongst the local community is that this is a '**done deal**' and will proceed regardless of the thoughts and concerns of the local community and how it will impact upon them.

I obviously do not know if HBC have canvassed the views of local residents but for those of us who live in both Padnell Road and Cherrytree Avenue, the prospect of an additional 86 dwellings at the end of Padnell Road is alarming to say the least. At present, we already have to deal with a large volume of traffic on a daily basis, especially during peak times, when motorists from Greenfield Crescent and Hazleton Grove cut through Greenfield Rise to drive down Cherrytree Avenue or Padnell Road.

On many occasions, I have regularly witnessed up to 25+ vehicles queuing up at the traffic lights at the junction of Padnell Road and London Road, with additional traffic queuing in Padnell Avenue. This as you can imagine creates a huge amount of pollution, along a road which incorporates a school, day nursery and an old peoples home. The increase in pollution will be extremely detrimental to the most vulnerable. The UK government has already identified that an increase in vehicle use is damaging to peoples' health. Public Health England states on their website that ***'Poor air quality is the largest environmental risk to public health in the UK, as long-term exposure to air pollution can cause chronic conditions such as cardiovascular and respiratory diseases as well as lung cancer, leading to reduced life expectancy.'***

If the Padnell Grange development is given the go ahead, it will mean that an additional 150+ vehicles will be driving around the area, which could add, and I'm being generous, an additional 20+ cars waiting in the queue at the end of Padnell Road. This could result in up to **45** vehicles idling in the queue! Due to the sequence of the traffic lights, it already means that motorists at the end of the queue sometimes have to wait for the lights to change three times before being able to advance onto the London Road. Can you please let me know if this factor has been taken into consideration?

Additionally, us residents who reside immediately around the junction of Padnell Road and Cherrytree Avenue already have difficulties parking close to our properties. We are therefore gravely concerned that when / if the development commences, it will undoubtedly have a major impact on parking, especially near to the entrance to Padnell Grange. Moreover, we will be blighted and majorly inconvenienced by site traffic entering and leaving the Grange

on a daily basis. The junction of Padnell Road and Cherrytree Avenue is already an accident waiting to happen and with the increase in construction traffic, it will make our lives a living hell.

I have spoken to numerous people who live in and around the Waterloooville area and the one thing that concerns us all is the current increase in local traffic and the level of pollution that it brings. The Berewood development, where over 4000+ homes have been built, together with the new houses built in Denmead, has increased the volume of traffic around the area to breaking point. I have also been informed by a very dispirited local councillor that a further 800+ homes is being proposed between Horndean and Rowlands Castle. I wonder when HBC will say enough is enough and consider the health and well being of its citizens?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely