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Planning Service (attn: Mrs D Haywood)

Havant Borough Council

Dear Sir/Madam

Ref: APP/16/00774 Erection of dwellings north of Havant Road and west of Selangor Avenue

I wish to register my objection to the proposed plan concerning the land north of Havant Road, west of Selangor Avenue, both as a resident of Emsworth and as an owner of property in Selangor Avenue.

Although strategic gaps are no longer protected, they should be the last place to be considered for development. Emsworth is a distinct village and losing this gap between Emsworth and Havant will have a detrimental effect on the surrounding area. It will create one long urban sprawl and Emsworth will just become a continuation of Havant. Precious wildlife, of which there is plenty in the fields being proposed for development, and natural habitats will be lost. Emsworth residents will all be affected by the loss of their village identity. To crowd so many dwellings into this area close to the A27 will raise noise and air pollution.

Doctors surgeries and Emsworth Primary School are already at capacity and another 500+ residents will add to the problems.

Such a development will also impact on road safety. The A259 is already heavily used and it is increasingly difficult to turn right from Selangor Avenue towards Havant. Another access road will make matters even worse and more dangerous with potentially another 200+ cars being added to the problem. Selangor Avenue/Victoria Road will become a convenient cut through for even more traffic avoiding Emsworth heading north and south. There are several sharp bends on this road which are already hazardous.

There is a sharp bend at the site of the proposed cycle and pedestrian access. I live adjacent to this access and am very worried about road safety. I already have to either back out into the road very carefully or reverse into my drive which, being directly on the bend, means I have to cut over to the other side of the road to get sufficient angle. With cyclists using this proposed entrance and children attending Emsworth Primary School, it will only make it even more dangerous.

The properties in Selangor Avenue which will be most deeply affected are bungalows. The proposed development of 2/3 storey houses and flats will have a huge impact on their light, privacy and outlook. They will be completely overshadowed by such a development. Unlike most of the other properties I do not have a long back garden and the rear of my property is close to the boundary fence. 2/3 storey flats are planned to be built behind me. My now private rear and side gardens will be completely surrounded by public access areas and I am very concerned about loss of

security and privacy. I feel that consideration should be given to ensuring that my property is provided with secure boundaries by the erection of a permanent wall if the proposal goes ahead.

There is an oak tree in my garden which has just been covered by a Tree Preservation Order. This tree overhangs the proposed public access area and I am concerned as to my rights/liabilities regarding this tree. It would also be a source of concern to me in regards to my security as its lower branches could be reached from the public access area.

If this proposal does go ahead, then the concerns of the residents of Selangor Avenue need to be taken very seriously. There will be building work for several years and much upheaval. Noise, fumes, heavy traffic, infestations of rats being displaced from their natural habitat, all are very serious problems. I would also like a guarantee that no site traffic will be using the access via Selangor Avenue at any time. I do hope, however, that this proposed development will be rejected.

Yours faithfully

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of Gillian Matthews.

Gillian Matthews