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Dear Mr Eaves

**RE: CAMP FIELD (LAND WEST OF HAVANT CREMATORIUM), BARTONS ROAD, HAVANT
PLANNING APPLICATION REF.APP/19/00007**

I refer to the planning application in respect of the above site and write on behalf of my clients, The Southern Co-operative Ltd, to set out their observations on the scheme.

The Southern Co-operative Ltd operate The Oaks Crematorium that is located adjacent to the application site. The crematorium also shares the same vehicular access as that indicated on the submitted plans to serve the proposed housing development. Whilst the Southern Co-operative raise no objections to the proposed development of the land with housing *per se*, they would wish to point out the sensitive nature of the neighbouring crematorium use and ask that the following matters are taken into consideration in your determination of the application;

1. As noted above, the vehicular access for the crematorium is shown on the submitted plans to be shared with that of the new development. As would be expected from its current use, the existing access is subject to frequent use by funeral corteges and mourners. The crematorium operates six days a week and with the majority of services taking place between 9am and 4pm.

It may be expected that development of the site in the manner proposed will give rise to a significant number of trips during the construction phase by both operatives and delivery vehicles. It is of critical importance that the entrance and access road for the crematorium be kept clear of obstruction at all times, as clearly, it could cause undue distress to mourners were corteges and/or mourners themselves be obstructed from entering the crematorium or have to manoeuvre around parked or waiting construction vehicles. For this reason, the Southern Co-operative would request that a separate

temporary access be formed for the purposes of construction of the proposed development and that a condition be imposed on any grant of planning permission requiring all construction traffic and operative's vehicles to use that temporary access. Formation of the permanent access to the development should be the final operation on site in order to ensure that it won't be used by construction vehicles. This arrangement could be secured via a construction traffic management plan, and for the avoidance of doubt the Southern Co-operative requests that the applicants be asked to provide that information at the application stage rather than leaving it to a condition.

2. As noted above, the crematorium operates six days a week, and it is important that services are conducted in a peaceful setting. To that end the Southern Co-operative would request that any planning permission be subject to a condition limiting any noisy activities on the site to being controlled at a level that will not be audible from the crematorium itself. We appreciate that some noise is unavoidable at construction stage, but, for example, would ask that piling be avoided unless it is a necessity, and that audible music from construction worker's radios be avoided. We would request that a construction management plan be required to set out a series of measures designed to minimise noise disruption from the development. This is particularly so given the potential for additional development on this land in the future.
3. There are existing entrance gates and walls at the front of the existing access point and that identify the frontage of the crematorium. Although not specifically labelled as such, the site plan indicates that those walls and gates will be relocated further back and clear of the entrance to the new residential development. The Southern Co-operative would request that a condition be imposed on any grant of planning permission requiring that those walls and gates are relocated prior to the sale of any market house on the site, which would be in order to ensure that the relocation is undertaken in a timely manner.

I trust that the above observations will be of assistance in reaching your conclusions on the application. If you would like to discuss the comments in this letter or have any queries then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

