

HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Dear Sir,

I enclose an additional objection to Planning Application 22/00001 - housing on land to the rear of 49-71 Fathoms Reach, Hayling which I would be grateful if you would add to my original objection dated 12 March 2022.

Yours faithfully

SUPPLEMENTAL OBJECTION TO PLANNING APPLICATION FOR 51
DWELLINGS LAND TO THE REAR OF 49-71 FATHOMS REACH HAYLING
ISLAND APPLICATION NO 22/00001

I have previously submitted my objections (dated 12 March 2022) to the above proposed development on grounds of traffic, flooding and drainage, amenities and essential services, and quality of life. I still wish these objections to be taken into consideration in the deliberation of this application.

I now also wish to add additional objections to do with the importance of natural life on the land concerned.

The land provides a rare natural area amongst housing which has great amenity for wildlife, residents and the wider community. It is quiet, unspoiled, quite wet most of the time and supports a great range of wildlife. It has benefited from being a "secret" area with no vehicular access. When I was there all I could hear was birdsong. I am told sparrow hawks and owls are in the area, as well as Brent geese, and I even saw a pheasant, which shows how natural the area is (although of course, pheasants are not protected, but they are not usually seen in urban areas and show just how unspoiled the land is). To develop this land for housing will wipe out the use of the land for wildlife, especially since if all the small rodents are driven out the sparrow hawks and owls will not hunt there.

Havant Council makes much of its commitment to the environment. Its document headed "A new Local Plan for the borough" has a section about considering the environment. It says the council is committed to ensuring overall net biodiversity gain. I expect the let out here is the word "net". However, it is not possible to keep allowing open space to be covered in brick and concrete, and yet promote biodiversity and natural habitats.

Squeezing 51 houses on this land is an unreasonable over development which will be much to the detriment of residents, wildlife and the community of Hayling as a whole for the reasons I have given in both my submissions.

I urge that the application be refused.

