

6th August 2021

For the attention of Adrian Ellis
Case Officer
Planning Department
Havant Borough Council

Dear Sir

Re : Planning Application No. APP/21/00647

My wife and I wish to object to the above application and request that the Planning Officers and Members of the Planning Committee refuse the application.

The site of this development is not listed in the Local Plan Housing Statement and is a field that is **officially Grade 1 Agricultural Land**. It is an '**Ancient Meadow**' that is part of the Conservation Corridor between Langstone and Hayling Island which has enormous wildlife and conservation significance. If the land is developed for housing it will also have a vast impact on pollution and add to the current problem of excessive traffic in the area.

Members will be aware that Langstone has a major problem in relation to flooding. The field currently acts as a form of drainage for the Langstone area and therefore flooding will significantly increase in Langstone if this housing development is allowed to go ahead.

It should be noted that H.B.C. is presently engaged, at considerable financial cost, in producing a plan which will reduce flooding in Langstone and protect the A3023 together with the Bridge in Langstone. If permission is given for this housing development to proceed it will undermine the Flood Protection Plan that is being constructed.

Southmere Field is currently covered by a Covenant entered into by Havant Council on behalf of the local community specifically to :

- 1) preserve the gap and the meadow
- 2) prevent any housing development on this site.

H.B.C. have always honoured this Covenant and in their duty of care to residents in the Langstone area should continue to do so.

We would be pleased if you could represent our views to the Planning Officers and to Members of the Planning Committee.

Thank you for your assistance.

