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Re. Planning application No APP/18/00450

Dear Sir

HAVANT BOROUGH
COUNCIL

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I wish to object in the strongest possible terms to the proposed development of 320 houses and a 66 bed care home at Forty Acre Farm, Redhampton.

First and foremost this is grade one agricultural land which should be used for growing spring sown crops and providing a much needed green space between Havant and Portsmouth. Connecting the nature reserve at Farlington Marshes with the remaining green space to the North West of Havant, which later will include Portsmouth Waters new reservoir.

The infrastructure to support such a development simply does not exist.

The proposals for the pedestrian use of the Rusty Cutter roundabout are ridiculous and dangerous.

Are the developers so desperate for a site that they are prepared to import vast quantities of spoil, place it up to 3metres deep in places, on grade one agricultural land and then build houses on top of it.

In the unfortunate event that the council sees fit to approve this development there are a number of points that should be understood.

Speaking as a person who for many years, prior to the current vendors ownership, ploughed this land many times. I know it like the back of my hand. There is a flood prone area from about No35 Westways, south to where it is proposed to put a pumping station and allotments. Raising the level of this land will cause flooding of properties at the southern end of Westways and of the agricultural land to the West of the proposed allotments. In the extreme South West of the site is an area prone to flooding, largely due to the failure of Network Rail to maintain their ditches. There are two more areas likely to flood, along the southern edge of the proposed housing, in the vicinity of the proposed childrens play area.

I note that it is intended to pump the sewerage up to a 225ml main under the A2030 to the South of Auriol Drive. This is no doubt because at the Southern end of Westways, the foul sewer and the surface water drain, are combined into one 225ml pipe causing at peak times overload and back up.

Any raising of the land to the East of Nos 21 to 39 Westways, will require drainage to be installed North to South all the way to the railway ditch. It will be necessary for Network Rail to reinstate their ditch.

The proposed building of a terrace of three affordable/social houses on raised land just a few metres to the rear of Nos 37 and 39 Westways is disgraceful and grossly unfair, and not possible if drainage is to be installed.

Network Rail will have to replace their existing fencing with mesh safety fencing. Have they been consulted, who will pay for this?

From No39 Westways to the railway is a line of Italian Alders, protected by a T.P.O., how is this line of trees to be protected?

I note the farmer has not bothered to plant a crop this year, why?

This is a bad development in the wrong place and the loss of a precious resource.

