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Planning Services
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**Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) Town and Country Planning
(Development Planning Procedure)(England) Order 2015**

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to protest about the above planning application.

There comes a time in the life of a person, a business, an organisation or in our case a community where irreversible decisions are made that will forever define that community. for generations to come. That time is now.

ARCHITECTURAL MERIT.

Having viewed Barratts proposed Sinah Lane development, I feel it is the worst example of this type of development I have ever seen. 195 houses crammed into the site in question with no architectural merit what so ever. Why should the people of Hayling Island have to put up with such an ill conceived and ugly development. Totally out of keeping with the surrounding environment. It is hard to think of a site on Hayling Island that would be less suitable for this development Should it go ahead it will become a blot on the landscape, what will future generations think if we allowed it happen.

THE SITE.

It is a well known fact that the site suffers from flooding and the proposal is to build a holding pond and pumping station. Langstone Harbour suffers from algae growth brought about by nitrate and other fertiliser pollution. The water collected in the holding pond will be heavily contaminated with nitrates as it drains from farmland, where is it proposed to pump the excess contaminated water to for disposal. I know the local authority have offset the impact of nitrates, but should any of that pond water enter the harbour that would be an environmental disaster. What assurances do we have that the whole system will work? What happens if it doesn't work?

At a time when we need to maximise our ability to feed ourselves, the proposed development would be taking away prime arable land. Land that has an excellent record of growing crops or animal feed.

WILD LIFE.

One of the best things about Hayling Island is the wildlife we all enjoy. The area in question is a major area for the arrival of Brent Geese as every year we are treated to the magnificent sight of their flocks settling onto this field. Half of the birds refuge will be taken away by this development. The close proximity of people, cars, noise and light pollution make the proposed refuge totally inadequate. Development of the site will drive these magnificent birds away along with many other forms of wildlife that enjoy this habitat. Putting 195 high density housing along with all that goes with it would be environmental vandalism.

INFRASTRUCTURE

It is a well known fact that the whole infrastructure of Hayling Island is creaking under pressure. The sewage system is running at full capacity and has overflowed several times recently. In the summer water pressure can drop to the extent that peoples boiler fail to function. My medical facility told me, pre pandemic, that there were no Doctors appointments for the foreseeable future. The road system is running at almost full capacity and in the summer it can take over an hour to get on or off the island. This is a very real major problem if you work, have a hospital appointment or want to catch a train or a flight. The local authority spent a small fortune on a traffic survey that no one could understand were it not so serious it would be laughable. Because there is little or no work on Hayling Island the development in question will just become a dormitory for people working off the island putting even more pressure on the roads.

The figure of two million pounds has been mentioned in terms of a contribution to improving the infrastructure. This is small change in the scale of things when considering what needs to be done to the infrastructure to cope with the present situation let alone the proposed expansion.

CONCLUSION.

Barratts have had years to put together this plan whereas local residents have had a scant 23 days to investigate and comment. In view of the strength of feeling of Island residents this is grossly unfair. Who ever made the decision to restrict the consultation period to such a short time should perhaps look up democracy in the dictionary i.e. "political and social equality for all" Barratts will also do, say and promise anything to get this development through, they have the funds and resources to do this. They are only interested in profit. Once the houses are built they will be gone leaving Hayling Island residents to put up with the consequences for years to come. Hayling Island will be denuded of a pristine and unique part of its natural environment.

People need somewhere to live and I fully accept the pressure the local and national government are under to provide more houses. But I see no point in solving one problem by creating another. Havant Borough Council has an awesome responsibility in considering the effect of this development on both Hayling Island and its residents. I just hope what ever decision is made in twenty five years time people will be able to say that it was the right decision and not just short term expediency. I implore Havant Borough Council to reject this planning application and preserve the unique nature of this part of Hayling Island.

Yours sincerely,

