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Date: 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016

Dear Mrs Hayward,

**Your ref no. APP/16/00774 - Site Address: Land North of Havant Road, (A259) West of Selangor Avenue – Proposal for Barrett Homes**

I wish to voice my objections to the above named proposal for several different reasons.

1. This development will introduce extra traffic (possibly 200-300 cars) onto the already busy roads of A259 and A27. This is likely to result in extra traffic constantly using Selangor Avenue and Victoria Road as an alternative which already happens at busy times. These are residential roads with two primary schools and parked cars belonging to current residents. Safety for pedestrians needs to be addressed. Also increased traffic in the area will mean increased noise and air pollution.
2. The properties bordering the proposed development are all bungalows so it is inappropriate to introduce 3 storey apartment blocks giving direct sight into the gardens of the bungalows. Whilst the majority of the bungalows have reasonably long gardens some are particularly short so current residents would not even have the opportunity to plant their own tall bushes or trees for privacy. I consider it to be a responsibility of the planning department to ensure privacy in this situation.
3. The field to be developed currently provides home to a range of wildlife including bats, slow worms, hedgehogs and many different species of birds. We need to preserve areas of natural habitat to encourage wildlife. This field and the trees and hedgerows in it also provide a distinct end to the town of Emsworth which has grown from a small fishing village but still retains independent shops and its own character. Although strategic gaps are not protected from building proposals it is important as a whole to develop our towns and countryside sympathetically and where possible to leave a strategic gap between communities and first consider all other possible areas.
4. The issue of drainage and flooding is also of great concern to me as Selangor Avenue has suffered problems in recent years. Although work has been done to alleviate the problems removing such a large area of natural habitat and replacing it with housing and roads could easily lead to more flooding. Barrett Homes have proposed using hard surfaces which will allow water to drain naturally into the soil below but will this be sufficient and how will it be maintained for the future.

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5. The overall size of the proposal has increased from approximately 150 homes to nearly 200. I consider this to be too many for the site and also for the local area. The local schools and doctor surgeries are already stretched to capacity so new residents will be forced to travel thereby increasing traffic congestion.

Yours sincerely

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