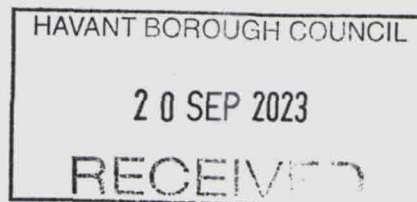




# THE BOSMERE MEDICAL PRACTICE

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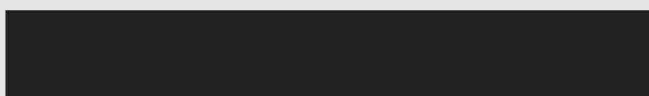
## **Objection to APP/21/00601 - Proposed Portsmouth Water Headquarters building by the Patient Participation Group (PPG) of Bosmere Medical Practice**

The Patient Participation Group (PPG) of the Bosmere Medical Practice met on Tuesday 12 September 2023 to review the above planning application and its implications on patients, Practice staff, users of the on-site Pharmacy, access to the site and traffic in the immediate area.

In 2021 the PPG members objected to the previous version of the application, this was also reflected in the many hundreds of individual objections submitted by patients of the Practice.

At the latest meeting the PPG reconfirmed its position and was unanimous in its objection to the revised plan, urging the planning authorities to consider the following and reject the application:

- The Practice is the largest in the Borough of Havant, a significant NHS unit providing care for more than 19,000 registered patients across the wider Havant area. A high proportion of patients attend the Practice by car, often with other family members or carers.
- In addition to patient appointments, under the NHS contract, the Practice must maintain time in the daily schedule for incoming and outgoing emergency appointments for South Coast Ambulance Service vehicles and paramedics.
- Peak commuting times coincide with the busiest appointment times at the Practice, with surgery hours dictated by the terms of the NHS contract.
- There are frequent peak-time problem with traffic congestion on Solent Road and considerable issues for vehicles accessing the Practice entrance and locating space in the car park.
- Throughout the working day the site is also very busy with users of the Pharmacy and light goods vehicles delivering to both the Pharmacy and Practice. The peak demand on the Pharmacy also coincides with commuting times.
- Many patients attending the Practice and the Pharmacy are, by definition; ill, elderly, have disabilities and/or limited or slow mobility. Any traffic congestion, moving/reversing vehicles and increased traffic flow via the existing entrance is a further risk to the health and safety of those patients.



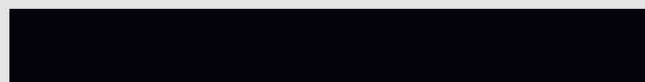
- Any proposal to utilise a single access road to both a commercial/industrial site and a community facility such as a Medical Practice is flawed. The extensive area available to Portsmouth Water allows for many alternative options to be considered for a separate access route.

In summary the PPG requests that the substantial concerns of patients and residents in the Borough are properly considered by Havant BC as this application is reviewed.

Yours faithfully

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 (Chair) on behalf of Bosmere Patient Participation Group

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