

Letter of Complaint Against Housing Development at Bartons Road (Ref: APP/20/00658)

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To: Planning Services, Havant Borough Council.

Dear Sirs,

We present to you this letter as objection against the proposed construction of 191 apartments and 2 drive-through restaurants at Bartons Road, literally at our doorstep. Please consider the points referred below as formal indications of the unsuitability of building such number of dwellings at our location:

+ For starters, it was indicated to us in a previous consultation that the line of trees surrounding the site would not be cut due to its environmental value. To our sadness those ancient trees were later removed without any sort of explanation, causing a lung damaging amount of dust and pests getting into our gardens. This not only revealed the lack of spine from the council but also the lack of concern regarding any sort of future construction on that site.

+ Secondly, the site proposed would have 2 exits, one next to the West Leigh Pub and another one DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF OUR HOUSE. We are referring to an exit for 191 apartments, plus visitors of those apartments, plus visitors of the 2 drive-through, etc. Such exit is situated next to a very busy crossroad with regular traffic jams and eventual accidents, plus all the houses in Bartons Road have exits directly into that same road, and also the park for kids near the stadium, so you can imagine the monstrous complications that such exit would create, not only in terms of the accumulation of vehicles but also in the pollution created by these vehicles. Personally as well to us as I suffer from ASTHMA.

I must point out that we are commenting solely on this exit as we are mostly ware of the problems here. As local residents we have seen lorries coming in and out of the site previously and causing traffic chaos, so we cannot imagine what this proposed development would create. On the other side, the exit at our opposite end goes into a closed road and then narrow streets and/or another difficult crossroad, so yet again revealing the unsuitability for 191 flats, 2 restaurants, etc, which could amount to over 400 cars (2 per flat plus the drive-through ones) at a single time.

+ Another point is the fact that in the Bartons Road area nearby the proposed site there are a certain number of houses that already suffer from traffic congestions and pollution, without even getting close to the 191 new apartments and 2 restaurants and their subsequent over 400 cars. We suffer accidents, damaged roads, traffic jams, pollution, etc. So certainly no need to increase those levels by adding more cars.

+ To indicate as well the vandalism that this area already suffers from, which would be increased by creating these 2 (restaurants) points of gathering for youngsters. Clearly close

to a children's park that regularly sees problems and requires calls from the police. The area is already plagued with problems and there is only eventual police presence. The site is not prepared for such number of extra people and possible problems.

+ Next, we would need to highlight the location of those 2 restaurants, directly opposite the houses at Bartons Road, and with the wind regularly going into our direction the disgusting smell of those restaurants would get directly into houses.

+ Pointing a well the location of those elevated buildings, completely blocking the only sun getting into our houses, definitively a lack of consideration from the builder when designing them.

+ Also, the fact that the builder/contractor has decided to go for such huge number of dwellings and restaurants reveals a high level of ambition, certainly economical, which would act in detriment of the residents already living nearby and would show a lack of consideration while the process of building is taking place. Just as an example, while the previous building was being demolished, the contractor decided to install an office container directly in front of our houses, with a very noisy petrol engine powering it up day and night.

As such, we present the above as references to our rejection for the construction of the proposed site. While we believe that something must be built in the site, we also believe that it should be something more "friendly" not only with the neighbours but also with the already severely damaged environment. The plan proposed is simply a pharaonic demand of pyramidal disproportions looking solely for the benefit of the builder, completely disregarding the environment.

Sincerely,

Jose Zapata and Elizabeth Gonzalez.

The owners of 1 Bartons Road, Havant, PO9 5RT.