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Public Service Plaza

Civic Centre Road

Havant

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Dear Sirs

Ref : Application No APP/21/01351 and APP/21/01350

Once again the residents of Hayling Island are having to defend the Island from more and more development. When will you just say NO to the applications to save us the stress of having to fight all the time against these proposals.

There are many reasons why the Island cannot tolerate more housing not least of all for all the usual reasons regarding Road Infrastructure, One way on/off, Sewage disposal, flood risks, strain on Doctors, Dentists, Schools etc but also for these 2 particular applications I would like to raise the following points of objection.

Firstly, this land is being farmed. It is precious Agricultural Land that should be preserved for that purpose.

In these days of Chaos and shortages in the world we need to have a sustainable source for crops so that we are not always reliant on other nations.

Along with the farming comes the wildlife that call it home. Namely Bats, Buzzards, Foxes, Deer, Pheasants, slow worms, field mice, many insects, and many different bird species. Where will these creatures go if we keep removing their habitat?

Secondly, Saltmarsh Lane and West Lane are just that. Lanes! West Lane in particular is a dangerous road and the prospect of upwards of a further 100 vehicles using it daily is a great concern. There is already a more than average death toll associated with West Lane and its bends. The queues trying to get

out into the Havant Road which is already a take your life in your hands exercise doesn't bear thinking about.

Saltmarsh Lane, Another Lane! Not a main road. A dead end. Residents and their visitors and service vehicles, just a little lane, not suitable for an additional 100 plus vehicles on a daily basis in and out.

The proposed access would be extremely narrow to accommodate 2 way traffic and pavements for pedestrians.

Also the access is just inches away from the houses either side, the residents of which would have to tolerate noise and fumes of vehicles in and out 24 hours a day. This cannot be good for their health and wellbeing and would make having windows open for fresh air a pointless exercise as the air would be polluted and the noise untentable.

Thirdly, the proposed location South of Saltmarsh Lane would be mostly behind single storey dwellings. Most of the properties bordering that area are bungalows. Saltmarsh Lane, Denhill Close and the area of West Lane affected are mainly retired people. There are hardly any families. Retired people appreciate the peace and quiet that living there gives us. Many months of building works and then the prospect of having houses behind us, double our height, robbing us of our privacy and sunlight is not conducive to our health and wellbeing. Along with the noise of construction vehicles and equipment and potential noise of families with children and dogs would totally disrupt our way of living.

The tests conducted on traffic flow for these proposals were covertly carried out during lockdown when the majority of people were obeying government guidelines and staying at home. They are not a true reflection of actual traffic flow as is admitted in some of the reports.

Yesterday, Mothering Sunday, I left the island with my husband at 11.30am and queued to get off from the bridge into Havant. Coming back on at 12.30 we queued from the A27 right down to West Lane, taking over half an hour.

We left to take mum back home at 16.15 and it wasn't too bad but by the time we got back the queue to leave the Island was all the way from Havant Roundabout back to the Maypole.

Ok it was Mother's Day and it was Sunny, but that is a truer reflection of traffic on a nice Sunny Day, not the covert ones done in the Winter while the whole country was in lockdown.

Noise reports likewise. A monitor was placed on a lamppost outside my home directed straight at my property. Curious as to what it was and what it was doing there I rang the company's number on the side of the equipment.

I was told it was measuring noise. When I asked why it was directed right at my home and was a potential intrusion to my privacy they came the following day and took it away.

Please why do you keep accepting Applications for Development on Hayling Island and causing the residents endless stress having to defend the Island.

You are looking to overcrowd all our vital facilities, to rob us of our Countryside, to force us to sit in endless queues of traffic, to pollute our air with added fuel gases, to rob our wildlife of its habitat.

Please have the courage to say enough is enough and put a ban in place that there will be no new build on Hayling Island for the foreseeable future until the issues that concern all of us that live there are addressed.

Have the courage to speak for the residents who voted you in and who basically pay your salaries.

Yours faithfully

