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The Planning Dept.,
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Dear Sirs,

Planning Application No.: APP/21/00647
by Persimmon Homes South Coast to build 65 homes on land known as Southmere adjacent to the A3023 in Langstone

There are several very good reasons why the land known as Southmere adjacent to the A3023 in Langstone should not be developed with the building of 65 homes and I, therefore, submit my objections as follows:

1. Some years ago Havant Borough Council (HBC) covenanted with the then owner of the land that the land shall not be developed to provide residential accommodation of any sort. If this Planning Application is approved it would breach the covenant and be damaging to the trust placed by local citizens and residents in the local authority. It risks HBC facing highly embarrassing and costly litigation.
2. The proposed development would add significantly to the existing strain on the A3023 with additional traffic density, pollution and stress to the health of local residents. Taken with other proposed and actual residential developments of domestic housing on Hayling Island, this is unacceptable. A second crossing to Hayling Island is essential before further development is approved and the limit of housing development is reached for the area.
3. Progressive development in the area over many years has remorselessly diminished the land available to nature. The loss of natural corridors for fauna to move safely from area to area in Langstone is reaching a point where that movement is almost impossible. Southmere is a valued part of the space for nature and a corridor. It is more so as the land has not been ploughed for very many years, providing ideal conditions for many species of wild life. On many fronts we are being exhorted to be mindful of the needs of the natural world as the loss of wildlife is detrimental to the continuance of human life. The development of Southmere for housing would exacerbate what is already a critical problem.

I trust the Planning authorities will take these facts into account and not grant the application by Persimmon Homes South Coast for the development of the land known as Southmere for housing.

Yours faithfully

