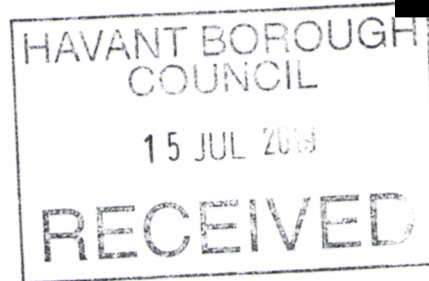


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Dear Mr Oliver,

**APP/18/00450. Land at Forty Acres Farm**

Following our conversation at the meeting with some Westways residents in your office on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019, I am writing to re-emphasise my worries and objections regarding the above Application.

**First** of all, this is prime agricultural land and should not be considered for development and I agree with most of the other objections already mentioned by others.

In spite of all those relevant arguments I still fear the development will go ahead and therefore the following need to be addressed.

**Effluent:** As residents of Westways since 1970, living immediately adjacent to the proposed development, my husband and I have experienced a backing up of effluent in our sewage drain on several occasions, admittedly not recently. This, however, is enough for us to have real concerns about management of the effluent from 320 extra homes, especially as the pumping sub-station for these is sited, on the plans, in the bottom SW corner of the development, *on the flood plain*, next to Westways. What happens if the pumping station fails- eg a power cut, or mechanical failure? Also, Southern Water admitted that there would be a noise (hum) and smell emitted from the station. If there has to be a pumping station, surely it should be as far from residential properties as possible. I have particularly sensitive hearing with regard to high frequency sound, and a very discerning sense of smell, and I am surely not unique in that respect! In my view, therefore, consideration should be given to re-siting the sub-station.

**Flooding:** 1. We have an inspection pit in our garage, and in the winter when the water table rises, the pit fills with water. 2. When there is heavy rain a river of water flows down Westways and the fields of East Lodge become saturated with surface water at times. I understand the houses near the farmland (numbers 21 to 39) have flooded back gardens at these times. Our flower borders fill up and the lawn becomes squelchy. This is all in spite of the natural soakaway of the fields of Forty Acres Farm.

The proposed raising of the land by 3.2 metres so close to Westways, AND the loss of that natural soakaway by the concreting and tarmacing that goes with such a development is a great worry. The run off of rain water from the raised ground to the lower level, namely Westways, needs to be managed by a covered drain at the very least.

Ideally of course, the development should not go ahead as there is no going back once my listed problems manifest themselves.

Yours sincerely