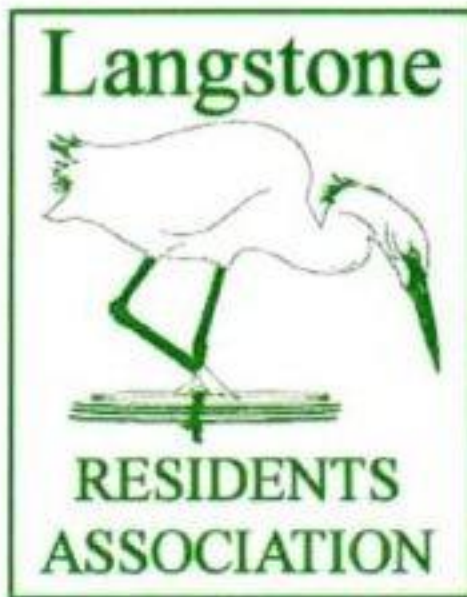




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Havant Borough Council
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For the Attention of Mr David Eaves
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Our ref: DGTP/JRP

Dear Mr Eaves

**APPLICATION No. APP/18/00380 – Outline Application for
3-no Four Bed Houses on Farmland Adjacent to Southmere Farmhouse**

The Langstone Residents' Association has noted the above planning application for outline approval to demolish a range of existing farm buildings and erect 3-no 4 bed houses in replacement. There is no reference to the loss of the old buildings and the knock-on effect that would have on the tenant farmer using the accommodation as part of his management of the adjacent Southmere Field. We also note one Consultee comment about the means of access to the site.

You will be aware of the high value the local community places on Southmere Field, its environmental and ecological benefits for the area and the contribution made by the farmer in maintaining this superb asset. Officers of the Association have consulted Mr Hedley and established that he wishes to continue his business and to use the land. To facilitate those activities of grazing cattle, harvesting hay and protecting the diverse eco structure of the field he needs modest, secure accommodation and some hard standing. We believe he has discussed these requirements with the Landowner/Applicant.

The Langstone Residents' Association, together with other community groups, would feel able to support the outline application provided it is somewhat modified to include the provision of appropriate facilities to enable the farming activity to continue.

One assumes the current application is submitted to establish the principle of a Change of Use to residential and that the building outlines shown on the site plan are purely illustrative. There will be a zone alongside the Langbrook Stream within which building will not be possible. This may well be an area where Mr Hedley's requirements could be met. Old OS maps of the area (dated 1866, revised in 1896) show a barn building to the south of the proposed site on the opposite side of the existing farm track. Another possibility?

The LRA has no wish to frustrate the ambition of the Landowner, but does feel strongly about ensuring the survival of a farming heritage, which has looked after Southmere Field for centuries. As part of the process of evaluating this application, may we urge you to consult the Applicant with the objective of securing a modification to the scheme to include some building provision needed to ensure the long term survival of this special landscape, which is Southmere Field.

Yours sincerely

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Secretary – LRA

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