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*COMMENT ON THE SINAH LANE BARRATT
DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL FOR
195 RESIDENTIAL HOMES – APP/18/00724*

As a member of the Save our Island and Hayling Island infrastructure advisory group, I would like to make comment on the above proposal as follows.

In November 2017, I sat at a meeting at the Town Hall in Havant and listened to the arguments regarding whether HBC should proceed with the new proposed Local Plan.

Leah Turner asked the then Head of planning Andrew Biltcliffe what was the current situation with the Infrastructure plan for Hayling, which had been giving major concerns to Residents and Councillors as this had been required to be produced as a part of the Plan.

Andrew Biltcliffe answered that the Infrastructure plan was nearly completed and would meet the needs of the Local Plan.

As a result of this statement and others, I believe Councillors were minded to proceed with the plan to the next stage. Without this reassurance from Mr Biltcliffe, Councillors may well have voted to delay the Local plan until the Infrastructure plan was in place and agreed.

Now some two and a half years later and following a whole raft of disasters including unauthorised road closures, major water failures, multiple Southern water drainage failures and Blue flag West beach failure to mention a few, all resulting from inadequate infrastructure or lack of maintenance on the Island there is still not a completed and agreed infrastructure plan in place. Following the objection of the Transport assessment and its classification as unsound, this application does not conform because there is no infrastructure plan to which it can be measured.

The Hayling Island advisory group was formed to advise and participate in the production of an agreed Infrastructure plan that would serve to assist HBC in approving or refusing large scale planning applications that were being proposed by developers. The advisory group has met on a number of occasions and various proposals have been tabled.

The main issues for the Island are:

A3023 vehicular capacity for future development

Flood risk to the Island global warming forecasts.

Electricity, Water and Gas service providers guarantee of adequate provision for future development.

Health centre provision for aging population.

Adequate Schooling for proposed future developments.

Police, Fire and Ambulance access, having all been relocated off the island.

Despite assurance by Andrew Biltcliffe that these matters had been addressed and were now part of the Local plan, nothing has been done to produce the infrastructure plan that was promised.

The new Chairman of the Hayling Island Infrastructure group Councillor Tim Pike (having taken over from Councillor Michael Wilson) has not provided a date for a meeting of the group and now declines to answer emails sent to him on the subject, despite the fact that he has been advised of the urgency of an infrastructure plan that has a very short timescale in order to meet the new deadlines of the Local plan.

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It is sad that the local's public voice has disappeared as the Hayling Islander has ceased to be published. Is it a coincidence that a week after the news of the demise of the Hayling Islander, the Barratt plan was submitted, and also was the submission intended to arrive at HBC at a peak holiday period when a number of Councillors and residents would likely be on holiday?

In light of the above I am asking the Councillors to reject the submitted plans until the promised Infrastructure plan has been completed and approved as the application in its current form cannot comply, because there is no Infrastructure plan which it can be measured against, which goes against the promises made by HBC to the residents and ratepayers.

Save our Island group

