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Dear Sir/Madam

Site Address: Land north of Havant Road (A259) west of Selangor Avenue.

Re: Proposal to erect 192 dwellings and associated parking.

My concerns on development of this site are not just for the impact this development would have on the residence of Selangor Avenue but the impact on the whole area, including services and quality of life for all residence old and new should this development be given the go ahead. I list my concerns in no particular order of impact as all have merit in their own right.

1) Highway safety and traffic: We already have heavy traffic along the Havant Road (A259) trying to join the road from Selangor Ave and all other roads leading on to Havant Road is already very difficult especially in rush hour morning and evenings and at weekends, I've waited up to 10 minutes to get out of Selangor Avenue on to the Havant Road, which is already unacceptable, so to add a potential further 150-200 cars per day to this already congested area would increase this waiting time and exasperate existing road users and would increase noise pollution and safety on this over used road. Also Selangor Avenue is used as a cut through when the Havant Road is congested or there are road works, to add more local cars to the existing problem, would mean more people using the avenue to get to and from the town centre.

2) Effect on daylight, privacy and outlook: All the properties adjoining the proposed site are bungalows, therefore to build two/three storey buildings would impact on the privacy, daylight and outlook of the existing residents and reducing their quality of life.

3) Noise, smells and fumes: We can hear the traffic along the A27 which would be east of the proposed site, when they built the A27 in the 70's residents were given compensation for noise pollution, since then although the road surface has been renewed the traffic has increased 10 fold and the noise is constant, therefore to build dwelling closer to the A27 would impact on the dwellers quality of life as they would suffer even louder noise pollution and higher fumes produced by the heavy used A27 than we already do and also the addition of more cars the development would bring, will increase noise & fumes to the area, therefore increasing pollution.

4) Conservation of trees and hedgerows and protection of natural habitats for our wildlife: The whole site and all along the sites borders are trees and hedgerows which are home to our wildlife, it homes protected species living and feeding at the site such as bats, slowworms, dormice and hedgehogs together with shrews, field mice and many other much needed wildlife. This year I have seen an increase in butterflies and bumblebees in my garden which backs on to the site. I'm sure if the site was surveyed by wildlife experts they would find even more important and rare species of wildlife, as what I have mentioned is just what we have seen. So we need to keep these open spaces in order to protect or precious wildlife.

5) Impact on Public services: We already have to wait for over two weeks to get an appointment to see our doctor, to add another potential 600 people to an already stretched service, could cause unnecessary suffering to existing people already struggling to get a doctor's appointment when needed.

6) Development plans to our countryside: When planning future housing, the government and local authorities should take in to account the impact it will have on the future look of our country and countryside. We need cities, towns and villages to be defined, although we need new homes, we also need to be able to see when we are leaving or entering a city, town or village, so although strategic gaps are no longer protected from being built on, they should be the last place to be considered for development and after all other non-impact areas have already been considered first and exhausted, therefore, protecting the look of our future country and countryside.

Please can you register my comments and reasons as to why I am opposed to this type of development on the proposed site.

Yours sincerely

Mr N Bishop

