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Re APP/16/00774
Land North of Havant Road and West of Selangor Avenue, Emsworth

Dear Sir or Madam

I wish to make a strong objection to the revised plans which are now for 161 dwellings on this site. Yet again, there is an enormous amount of information to absorb in a short space of time and with very little publicity. Some of the large documents were not available to local Emsworth people on the internet until the last few days. This is obviously to the detriment of public involvement and/or comment as can be seen by the very small number of comments registered (23 Public) compared with the 460 documents when I last checked today.

It is amazing with all previous problems with developments in our area eg flooding Gas pipes. Facilities at surgeries and school vacancies all the things that go hand in hand with such major development..

There are major changes to the plans in this application which is still for a large development on our doorstep which will have significant implications (infrastructure, Gas pipeline, flooding etc) for the whole of Emsworth and Havant as well as all through traffic using the A27 and A259 in this area.

My main new areas of concern are:

Loss of the Gap/Green Spaces There seems to be even less of an attempt to disguise the loss of the gap and the green space is now multi purpose which will be of no real benefit to any particular group and of no benefit at all to wildlife/ecological interests. There seems to be a distinct shortage of trees over such a large area and it will be vitally important for more, and of mature size, to be included. Serious consideration should be given to replacing the lost hedge and inclusion of allotments as in the Redlands Grange development.

Traffic and Parking. When lights were introduced last year near Sycamore Garage for road works, the resulting traffic tailbacks extended onto the A27 and into Havant. With the proposed lights being closer to the A27 and before the Selangor Road turn off (rat run) these will make such queues worse. How will emergency vehicles (ambulance, para medics, fire engines etc) get through? Parking on Selangor Avenue has increased considerably over the last few years and with changes of ownership to younger families it will continue to do so. The width of the proposed streets in the plan and limited number of visitor parking spaces suggest there will be an overspill of parking into Selangor Avenue.

Flooding/Drainage. The real effectiveness of the last local flood prevention work has not been properly tested with relatively less continuous torrential rain than a couple of years ago. The proposal for surface water to be treated and pumped into the foul water drainage system would

seem likely to prove the existing infrastructure inadequate. Has this been approved by Southern Water?

Gas Pipeline Building so close to such an important pipeline with all the provisos for care, even if properly adhered to, gives rise to serious concern for the safety of neighbouring properties as well as the disruption of supply if damage is caused. The original plan was to move the pipeline; why is this not being done?

It is obviously a new situation for the Council, with sites such as this one having been included in the Local Plan Housing Statement ("such sites will only be agreed in principle if accompanied by an infrastructure delivery statement, produced as agreed by and in collaboration with the local Planning Authority") but not in the existing Local Plan, while the Havant Borough Local Plan 2036 is not yet in place. In order for residents to understand what quality of life is to be expected both for existing and proposed new residents we need to see more than just a monetary amount specified. Tangible plans and proof of implementation in advance are necessary.

As this is now a different application I sincerely hope that, before it formally comes before the Planning Committee, there will be a further public consultation/public viewing with officials from Barretts and Council Officers available to answer residents' questions.

Yours faithfully

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