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Planning and Development
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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Proposal to erect 192 dwellings and associated parking
Site Address: Land north of Havant Road (A259) west of Selangor Avenue

Our concerns on development of this site are not just about the impact this development would have on the residents of Selangor Avenue, but the impact it would have on the whole area. Existing services and quality of life for all residents, old and new, would be affected should these proposals 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) and trying to join that road from Selangor Avenue and from all other roads leading on to Havant Road is already very difficult, especially in rush hour morning and evenings and at weekends. We ourselves have waited up to 10 minutes to get off Selangor Avenue on to the Havant Road 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 even further and would increase noise pollution and safety on this over used road.

In order to lessen the impact of increasing the amount of traffic in Emsworth and the inability to easily leave the village, could not another intersection be made on to the A27 bypass to the east of Emsworth i.e. off the Horndean Road.? This should also be an important consideration if the development of Southleigh Farm fields is pursued.

2. **Effect on daylight, privacy and outlook:** All the properties adjoining the proposed site are bungalows. Therefore to build two-storey or higher buildings would impact on the privacy, daylight and outlook of the existing residents and reduce their quality of life.

3. **Noise, smells and fumes:** We can already hear the traffic along the A27 alongside the proposed site. Therefore to build dwellings closer to the A27 would impact on the occupiers' quality of life as they would suffer even louder noise and higher fumes produced by the heavily used A27 than we already do. Also the addition of more cars the development would bring would cause further increased noise and 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 site's 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 local gardens, which back on to the site, have seen an increase in butterflies and bumblebees. We are sure that if the site was surveyed by wildlife experts, they would find even more important and rare species, in addition to those that have actually been seen. Therefore we need to keep these open spaces in order to protect our precious wildlife.
5. **Loss of Green Belt:** The development of this site will mean the loss of the only remaining green belt between Emsworth and the huge conurbation of Havant and Waterlooville, thus depriving the Emsworth residents of a green and rural outlook.
6. **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.
7. **Development plans to the countryside:** When planning much needed housing, we feel 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 been considered. This will ultimately protect the look of our future country and countryside.

Would you please register our comments and reasons as to why we are opposed to this type of development in this area.

Yours sincerely



Mr D. and Mrs M. Brady