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Dear Mr Eaves

**Re: Land South of Bartons Road - Planning Application Number APP/15/01435 for 175
No homes of mixed density including affordable homes**

I refer to the above application. The Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) adopted 1 March 2011 is a very important document setting out the planning framework for the community until 2026. It states:

Policy CS1 **Ground stability, drainage & sewerage:** 'the development will be safe, including the access, without increasing flood risk elsewhere, will reduce flood risk overall & have no net increase in surface water run off'. This land flows north to south & is always sodden because of local springs which burst when water table is high. The field runs with water streaming out the access into Japonica Way. Any development will increase the flood risk & surface water run off.

DM11 **Infrastructure - Transport:** Improvements to public & community transport (including infrastructure requirements) must be secured. DM12 developments must mitigate its travel impact, including environmental impacts of travel (noise, air, visual pollution) & impacts on amenity, health & climate change by ensuring certain criteria met i.e. adequate provision for integrated & improved transport infrastructure or appropriate mitigation measures & submission of transport statement with planning applications to explain changes. Policy CS20 'development must not increase congestion & must provide transport management measures to ensure safe & efficient operation of strategic & local road network, maintain or improve range of transport modes accessible to users of development with specific emphasis on public transport, especially high quality/frequency buses. S106 agreements in relation to the other developments in Nursery Fields & Manor Farm have not been conformed with. Other transport issues are congestion caused by level crossings at Havant & Warblington. Bus services have not increased but decreased in frequency & left lot of community

without regular bus services. No bus services on Sundays or Bank holidays in the Denvilles area.

Greenspaces & Heritage: Need for upgrading. Havant Open Spaces Plan & PPG17 Assessment (2006) says estimate of only 44 % of residents in Borough have access to high quality, high value multifunctional greenspace within 5 minute walk. The Core Strategy must where possible increase availability of accessible high quality greenspaces like for like as other greenspaces which are important for nature conservation, particularly ancient woodland remnants of Forest of Bere. Wildlife habitats & wildlife corridors must be protected to prevent fragmentation of existing habitats, to protect best & most versatile agricultural land having greatest potential for local food security. This land has been agricultural land growing food crops. Policy CS13 Development proposals that adversely affect green infrastructure will not be permitted unless superior alternative provision is provided or where it is part of plan to provide improved local services in equally accessible locations where people can enjoy a natural environment that will benefit health & wellbeing, where it protects wildlife & enhances local habitats & landscape distinctiveness, protects natural features of nature conservation &/or amenity importance, e.g. trees, woodlands, hedgerows, soils, streams, stream corridors, springs, ditches or ponds from damage, destruction & deterioration in quality. The woodland on the south boundary is covered by a TPO & is a natural habitat for many species of birds. Eastleigh House (a grade 2 listed building) will have its view compromised. Health & Safety issues arise where green spaces are around mature trees - children being children will want to climb.

Infrastructure generally: Where development permitted delivery of improved or new infrastructure must be agreed so facilities provided are accessible by range of transport modes & meet needs of community & supports the local economy.

School places: Havant is divided into 2 primary & 2 secondary planning areas (Havant/Hayling & Waterloo/Cowplain). Planned development in these catchments places additional pressure on demand for pupil places which they would not be able to accommodate. Hampshire School Place Planning Framework 2013-2018 for Havant area - places tight dropping to -2% year intake surplus in 2013 before any development took place to same -2% year intake surplus by 2018 for primary education. In secondary education places also tight dropping from 27% intake year surplus in 2013 to 15% intake year surplus in 2018. Longer term likely to be need for extra primary places in the area. Schools are full to capacity with long waiting lists. Havant Town Centre Schools are under increasing pressure owing to rise in the birth rate.

Health & Well being: Core Strategy encourages healthier lifestyles by working with other organisations to deliver better facilities for health, recreation, leisure & culture to improve wellbeing across the Borough. Fundamental to creating place where people want to live, visit or work, homes must be accompanied by all necessary facilities -

health care, open space etc. The Council has statutory duty to ensure that Forward Together infrastructure is dealt with under Housing which affects everything we do in life. Infrastructure includes health & recreation facilities. Nearest Doctors' surgeries are Havant or Emsworth.

Transport & other public services: Planning permissions must safeguard requirements of infrastructure providers, in particular relating to bus corridor enhancements, telecommunications equipment (high speed broadband), educational facilities particularly those due for improvement & achieve suitable density of development for location, taking into account accessibility to public transport & proximity to employment, shops & services. Must not result in loss of flood protection, education, health, social & other publicly-provided community buildings, structures or services, except where part of plans to provide improved local services in equally accessible location.

Roads: Dominant roads can be a source of noise, pollution & congestion for which Council has responsibility to ensure new development does not undermine safety of strategic road network. Walking essential because bus services so poor. Eastleigh Road joining Bartons Road to Southleigh Road is narrow & has no pavements. Junction will increase traffic on Bartons, Eastleigh & Southleigh roads. Often incident on motorway or nearby roads generates gridlock on these roads. Lots of emphasis on cycle routes but with aging population this will not benefit them.

Ageing population: Requirement to address needs of ageing population, support & improve youth facilities & focus resources toward vulnerable groups & individuals as priority. Policy CS9 Need to provide accommodation for ageing population in sustainable locations, taking account of need to provide for variety of care needs & flexibility to accommodate differing requirements of ageing care.

Rubbish, noise & disturbance: Woodland on southern boundary must be fenced off so it will not be used as a rubbish dump. My children will not be able to play in my garden because of noise & I will have to contend with all the additional dirt which any new development generates.

In Summary the Council are failing to comply with its Local Plan as shown above. It has failed to ensure there is sufficient local infrastructure in place to cater for the needs of further development in the area. S.106 Agreements are not meeting the needs/being monitored/followed through. I therefore submit that this planning application should be rejected.

Yours sincerely

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