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For the attention of Mrs. D. Haywood

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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.

Our concerns on this proposed site are not just on the impact this development would have on the residents of Selangor Avenue but the effect, including services and the quality of life, on the entire area. I list my concerns in no particular order as each has merit in its own right.

1) Highway safety and traffic: We already have heavy traffic along the Havant Road (A259) trying to join the road from Selangor Avenue and all other roads leading on to Havant Road is already very difficult especially in rush hour mornings, evenings and weekends; I have 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; it would also increase noise, pollution and reduce 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, so to add more cars to the existing problem would mean more people using the avenue to get to and from the town centre. Also, as we understand it, the proposed development will only be providing limited parking for its residents, and therefore would increase parking in Selangor Avenue, causing even further congestion and potential danger in a road that has a school.

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, thereby 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 and pollution. Since then, although the road surface has been renewed, the traffic has increased ten fold and the noise is constant. Therefore to build dwellings 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 heavily used A27.

4) Conservation of trees and hedgerows and protection of natural habitats for our wildlife: Along the borders of the site there are trees and hedgerows that are home to our wildlife. It houses protected species living and feeding at the site such as bats, slow worms, dormice and hedgehogs together with shrews, field mice and many other much needed wildlife. This year has seen an increase in butterflies and bumblebees in gardens backing on to the site. I am sure, if the site were surveyed by wildlife experts they would find even more important, rare species. These open spaces must be protected.

5) Impact on Public Services and infrastructure: We presently have to wait two weeks to get an appointment to see our GP, and to add another potential 600 people to an already overstretched service will cause unnecessary suffering to existing patients. Emsworth Primary School does not have the capacity to take any more children, so how far would additional pupils have to travel to school – causing further traffic congestion in the area? How does Havant council propose to cope and finance all the additional requirements that 192 dwellings would create? We have had flooding in the past at the Havant Road and Victoria Road ends of Selangor Avenue and it is between these two areas that the proposed estate is to be built. Who would be responsible for possible flooding caused by the increase in buildings and concreted areas, and who would guarantee that the drainage is adequate to cope with the heavy downpours that we now experience?

6) Building rules and regulations: We are reliably informed that one of these rules states that no digging is allowed within 4 metres of an established tree – this rule is referred to as “a 4 metre no dig zone”. Therefore, as there are established trees both on the proposed site and bordering it, we will expect this rule and any other building rule or regulation to apply.

7) 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 appearance of our country and countryside. We need cities, towns and villages to be defined by green spaces, and not allow developers to build homes anywhere there is a gap to do so. All non impact areas should be considered exhaustively; in this case the proposed site is irresponsible and would be detrimental to all concerned.

Yours sincerely,



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