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Havant Borough Council,
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21st, August, 2016

Dear Sirs,

SITE ADDRESS: Land north of Havant Road and West of Selangor Avenue, Emsworth

I DO NOT agree with this proposal on many levels

At the time the last Barratts proposal was rejected, permission was given to build along Horndean Road; work has not even started on these fields, therefore the apparent urgency on behalf of Barratts cannot be so. The reasons for the refusal on the last occasion still apply.

This proposal is inappropriate in housing style, height and density to the area.

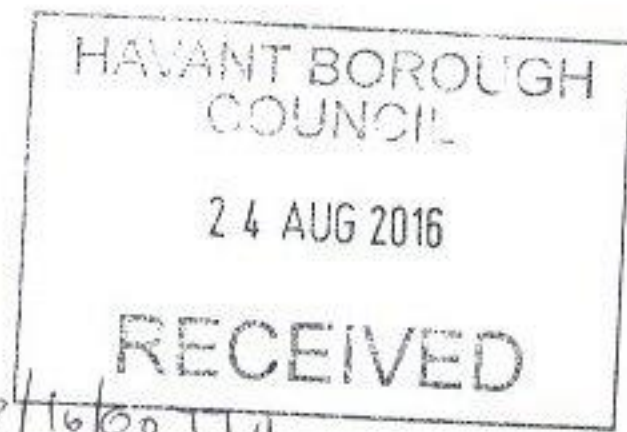
There are plenty of long term empty premises in Havant that can be used for the needed social housing, the only reason I can see for them not being developed is the builders making a smaller profit, and the sites are not big enough for large developer such as Barratts. It is up to the Council to push for this happening, not big profit builders. At a meeting in Emsworth with council officials, approx four years, ago I was advised that the council has to let the developers build what they want to get what the council wants! Why?

If this field is built on Emsworth and the whole area's identity will cease to exist, becoming a continuation of Havant; it is an important part Emsworth being the town it is given all comers a visual, emotional and actual breathing space and, contributing to the beauty, and breathing space of the county, and part of England's green and pleasant land. Once this green space is destroyed, it is forever. I believe this space is crucial to the future of the whole area; if this is used there can be no objections to the rest of the green spaces also being lost. (Do not forget that this is one field belonging to a local farm) Must green spaces always be lost to expedience and profit? I care about the future and continually using green spaces is not the most sensible use of our small country's limited land resources.

We, as current custodians of the earth, must do what is right for the long term future; this proposal in any shape or form does not.

At the last application a resident had the Bat conservancy do a survey and I understood then that five species of Bat use this space. Slow worms also live here, along with the natural infrastructure needed for the survival of these and other species. (Barratts then claimed only three types of bat).

This field is a flood plain, last time and also this time, Barratts are not guaranteeing their anti flood system. They just claim it will work and deny any scenario of it not (but their get out of jail card is the



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100 year storm). I understand that at the recent meeting at the Council offices Barratts were ambiguous on their anti flood intentions. At the recent Brookfields showcase they stated that since Hampshire Farm was completed no houses have been flooded. Conveniently forgetting the trouble whilst building took place, also I have been advised by someone who lives nearby that the water table has increased on his property since. All over the country flood plains have been built on with disastrous results for the innocent householders. I see no reason why owners of property that will be affected (not just Selangor Avenue) should suffer.

There is the traffic problem which will ensue when cars connected to 200 hundred houses are added into the equation, Emsworth is already on the edge of saturation as proven by the accident a few weeks ago that closed the main road. (without yet the traffic expected from the Horndean road development). Selangor Avenue WILL become an extra car park for the new estate and even more of a rat run with speeding traffic than it already is. I understand the developers have no intention of introducing any traffic management systems.

The Doctors surgery stated several years ago that they are at capacity already. Are there school places? I mentioned this to Barratts who stated that they were paying the council such much per house to provide these services, but are there the Doctors and Teaching staff to fill such places if the Council actually spends such money these services? Also where will they be located they have not yet relocated the current Surgery?

I doubt very much if the main drains will be able to cope with such large extra input.

Barratts advised that they have no intention of using grey water or putting in energy collecting devices such as solar panels.

I do know from personal experience that at least one property in Selangor Avenue (on the field side) is affected by Radon gas, what I do not know is how such disturbance of a large area affects this dangerous natural product for present properties and the new.

When looking up planning permissions in the recent past I noticed planning conditions were given with such words as 'should' as opposed to 'must', obey to the condition!

If this site is given permission to develop we shall expect that any conditions imposed refer to the land and not just for that specific builder/developer to obey (should developer be changed).

If this proposal gets approval then the residents will expect due diligence from the Council ensuring that all promises made by any developers are kept, that conditions are enforceable and that current council tax payers and Selangor Avenue residents are not left to fund the consequences.

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