

Springfield
Victoria Road
Hayling Island
PO110LU



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Outline app for proposed residential development on land adjacent to Victoria Road Hayling received Saturday 16th April

Dear Mrs Lealan

I write further to the above with my concerns and comments. I have three main concerns with regard to the development of this field.

Firstly, the land is designated as a flood plain level three status "**A high probability of flooding**". It does already flood every time there is a prolonged spell of rain. The balancing pond could be rather ineffectual, as it is proposed to have an access road off Victoria Road into the development then turning parallel to the proposed allotments, thereby cutting most of the field in half. But there is a much bigger concern with flooding and that is The Pumping Station at the east end of the field.

This pumping Station regularly overflows. Its pumps do not always respond to the large amount of waste water. Where does this contaminated water go? I will give you one guess, into the field! Presumably, if this application was approved, the waste water along with standing ground water would find its way into the balancing pond. So instead of it being a natural habitat for wildlife, it would become a matter for Health and Safety and the Environment agencies on a regular basis. Strange that in all the

documents produced by the client's agent the pumping station has not been mentioned. Particularly as it is **the sole Pumping Station on this Island**, and takes all of Hayling's waste matter.

Secondly, following on from the above, the agent a Mr Edward Caush has described the field as, **unused, surrounded by fencing, with no public access.**

At the present time this field is used for livery with stables and six horses. The owners of the horses are back and forth daily and access the field by a lane adjacent to Rogers Mead.

Along the northern boundary of the field adjacent to Victoria Road runs a hedgerow. This hedgerow was the subject of a dispute some ten years ago. The landowner decided to sell plots off as potential for housing but had no access to these plots. So he cut thru the hedge and put up gates, without a word to the residents. After some discussion and research with Havant Council, Cllr. Mr Vic Pierce, and all residents of our road, it was found that although the landowner owned the field, he did not own the hedgerow. In fact it was owned by no one and described as 'Ancient Hedgerow'. The gates are still in situ but nothing further was heard from the owner of the field regarding selling off plots.

If the persons bringing this outline application to you for approval need an access road they would have to look elsewhere on their plans. There is I understand an access entrance to the field on the Havant Road. This was the original gateway to the field.

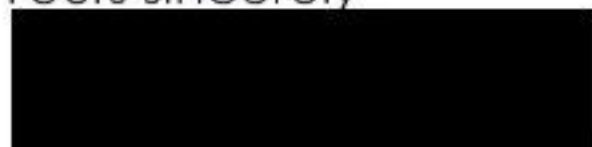
Lastly, and this comes from my heart. How can the developers offer the rest of the field, to be considered for allotments as a GIFT to the community? What an insult. **We have had a gift for over fifty years, The Field itself.**

It was a Hay Meadow in all its glory throughout the seasons. It gave the local neighbourhood a lung, a space undisturbed except by nature. Flora and fauna always gave us colour. The wildlife thrived.

It was common in May to hear the cuckoo and smell the May blossom. In high summer the hay was cut and Meadow brown butterflies came up off the mown hay in clouds. On a hot summer evening you would see Bats swooping and diving across the field. The winter wading birds used the flooded field as a change from the mud flats of the harbour. They still do. So don't let them talk about giving us a gift.

I strongly feel that if Havant BC gives approval to this outline application, then the only '**gift**' will be to the developers in the form of the profit they make. I beg you to stop and think.

Yours sincerely

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of Angela Wheelwright.

Angela Wheelwright (Mrs)