

HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Mr. David Eaves
Chief Planning Officer.

20th December 2025

Dear Sir,

RE: PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FOR
ROOK FARM, ST. MARY'S ROAD,
HAYLING ISLAND.

I have lived on Hayling Island nearly 20 years and take a very keen interest in the environment. I have heard Song Thrushes (Amber list of conservation concern) singing/breeding in this area, plus Skylarks and Garden Warblers.

In the time I have lived here, song birds have suffered a massive decline. Really - there is no dawn chorus in the Spring on the majority of the island, now.

To build 300 houses in this area will destroy the scrub and grassland that so many songbirds require.

It is also performing a valuable role in sinking atmospheric carbon. Removing all the top soil will destroy a whole ecosystem. A few new young trees will not replace the extensive habitats that will be destroyed.

I have also seen hedgehogs in this area. If you want proof of this I took a young underweight hedgehog from this area to the vets a year ago. Hedgehogs are now on the conservation red list in UK. Building more houses on green land will further decimate existing populations.

In addition to my concerns for ecosystems, Hayling's population is already under pressure from inadequate services including the failures of Southern Water to address sewage leaks into the sea.

and inadequate doctors numbers for the current population. Also the single road on and off the island is more and more congested, restricting emergency vehicles and deterring trade/tourism.

Please Mr. Eaves ~ take a longer view, ~ when we lose ecosystems to building ~ ~~we~~ they are lost forever.

Please Mr. Eaves, take the time to consult the finest young green architects ~ please don't just cover more green land in sprawl.

Please Mr. Eaves ~ take a lesson from Singapore - build upwards beautifully ~ please don't build over green land.

Yours sincerely



