



22nd December 2025

Mr David Eaves
Planning Officer
Havant Borough Council
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Havant

Dear Mr Eaves

ROOK FARM, HAYLING ISLAND APPLICATION APP/21/01434

We, as Hayling Island residents, write to you to express our vehement opposition to this application by Gladman Developments Ltd to build 300 homes on Grade II Agricultural Land at Rook Farm.

There is no necessity to repeat hundreds of already submitted pertinent objections which encompass increases in traffic and population with the attendant pressures on existing overstretched services such as schools, doctors, water supply and sewerage etc. All of this should be entirely evident even to the naivest of person.

Our objection focuses on the last secure, enclosed and semi-wild space remaining on Hayling Island. At a time when "mental health" dominates the headlines, and the irrefutable medical proof that time spent in the outdoors is essential for our positive welfare, this application rears its ugly head. And it stresses us.

We dogwalkers, (and we are many), value this field to exercise our dogs and have done so for many, many years. The acreage is safe away from traffic being bordered by housing, which affords us the tranquillity of decompressing while listening to birdsong, as our dogs romp and sniff.

There is no other space like this remaining on Hayling Island. The other small green spaces are recreation grounds marked as football and cricket pitches,

which are not spaces to allow dogs, or humans freedom. The beachfront grass area is a car park and The Billy Trail is a bicycle speedway where the once-upon-a-time fields abutting it are now great big housing estates.

Rook Farm is being encroached upon by the caravan holiday park, however there still remains sufficient safe wild space for the many dog owners on Hayling who despair where to exercise both their dogs and themselves safely.

Please think long and hard over the long-term detriment to this already built-up island, and what you would be responsible for in taking away our last few acres of safe, enclosed, enjoyable space for this and future generations.

Reject this application.

Yours sincerely

