

The Senior Planning Officer - Havant.

Re: Planning Application APP/21/0134 Rook Farm.

Dear Sir,

I wish to comment on this proposed development. I have lived on Hayling since 1947 so I have obviously seen much change on the island in this time. I am quite horrified by this proposal. It seems to me that there are 2 important considerations here. Both of equal importance.

1. The size and impact of the proposed development.
2. The loss of open space and environmental considerations

The development will have serious implications for our infrastructure as you will be aware. Over the years we have seen much development on Hayling which is already noticeable in our daily living. The biggest current problem is probably traffic - I find I need to allow an hour to be sure of being in time for an appointment in Havant. There are often problems if there is just a small obstruction on the road. Access to health services and schools are a consideration - are there any plans for these? The current housing market for existing residents - are the right houses being proposed.

This site is part of a line of connecting open spaces, stretching for most of the length of the island and links with those to the east and west as well. This feature of Hayling is an important site for wildlife, being a comparative open, green space which enables wildlife to move freely. This connects with the international designations for the harbours. In this capacity it can provide some of the very necessary feeding and roosting areas for our populations of birds. These connecting green spaces and field areas are of vital importance - once they have gone they have gone forever and so has the wildlife.

This development will not give the residents of Hayling anything, it will just lower our natural environment a bit more and cause more problems for our current infrastructure which are already stretched and stressed.

In an ideal world it would be wonderful to see this land turned into a real natural amenity. It could support other valuable aspects of nature, such as a wildflower meadow to enhance diversity, a wild recreational area and an educational site for use by our schools, societies and community. I do realise that the problem here is financial but one never knows what can be achieved until we try.

Yours sincerely

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