

Joint Representation – Application APP/25/00987 (Havant Borough Council)

Re: Application APP/25/00987 – Havant Borough Council

Agent: Mrs Carrieanne Wells

Dear Ms Fox,

We, the undersigned neighbouring landowners and business operators, submit this **joint representation** objecting to the above application.

The rear yard of **270 London Road** is a live commercial service yard used daily by HGVs, delivery vehicles, waste collection lorries, and forklift trucks. The proposal would introduce pedestrian access into an active industrial environment that is neither designed nor capable of being safely managed for public use.

The proposed entrance and exit would open directly onto a private right of way essential for loading, unloading, and vehicle manoeuvring by neighbouring businesses. Large vehicles routinely reverse and operate in close proximity to buildings, creating a clear and foreseeable risk of serious injury.

Illegal parking already obstructs this right of way despite signage and enforcement. Increased footfall and the absence of allocated parking would materially worsen obstruction, compromising access for lawful users and emergency services.

Fire safety concerns are critical. Emergency exits would be compromised, and any obstruction of the right of way would prevent emergency service access, creating an unacceptable risk to life and property.

The proposal would, in effect, re-designate a private commercial yard as a public access route, contrary to its lawful and established use.

These failures are inherent to the site layout and access strategy and **cannot be resolved by planning condition, legal agreement, or management plan**. The proposal is therefore unacceptable in principle.

Furthermore, the scheme creates a foreseeable risk of collision and injury arising from unavoidable conflict between pedestrians and heavy commercial vehicles. Any such incident would expose neighbouring landowners, businesses, and the local authority to significant liability, despite those parties having no control over the proposed access arrangement.

Refusal summary: The proposal fails to provide safe or suitable access, introduces unacceptable risk to life, obstructs the lawful use of a private right of way, and results in harm that cannot be mitigated.

Lead Representative Declaration

The undersigned Lead Representative confirms that this objection is submitted on behalf of all signatories listed on the accompanying signature sheet, each of whom has reviewed and authorised this joint representation.

Lead Representative:

Name / Business:

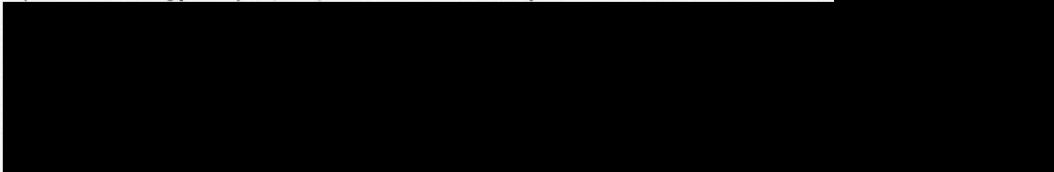
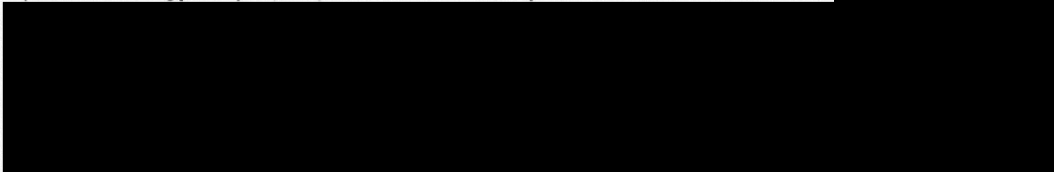
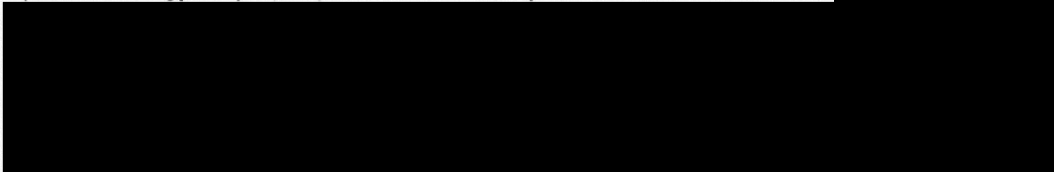
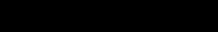
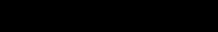
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Date: 23.01.26

Signature Sheet – Joint Representation APP/25/00987

The following neighbouring landowners and business operators confirm their support for and adoption of the joint objection submitted in relation to the above application concerning **270 London Road**.

Name	Business / Property	Address	Signature	Date
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