

Planning Application APP/26/00324

I wish to strongly object to the outline planning application for Southleigh. Although the design for estate is fine ,without serious updates to the infrastructure it is not viable and will cause a lot of distress to existing residents. A new link road to the A27 must be part of the plan!

As a resident of Warblington there is no way that the roads in Warblington or Emsworth can cope with the extra traffic. The roundabouts at Warblington and the junction of Southleigh Road and Havant Road are already subject to gridlock at various times of the day.

It is not just the extra houses in Southleigh that need to be considered but all the extra houses that have been built and are planned along the A249 to Chichester, the new houses at Horndean and possibly those a Campdown as well.

The existing road network cannot cope at the moment but given all those extra houses it will be a disaster. When I was in the [REDACTED] and this development was first discussed the advantage would be a new link road onto the A27 and take pressure of Southleigh Road and North Street Emsworth with the low railway Bridge.

Bloor have good plans to encourage public transport, cycling and walking, however it is an indisputable fact there will be a considerable increase in the number of cars. When the whole estate is built it is reckoned that at least an extra 3000 cars will be on local roads.

I regularly drive up Southleigh Road to visit family in Denvilles and get caught at the railway gates more time than not. Traffic regularly stretches back to Havant Road causing problems at that junction there as traffic is stuck near the One Stop.

The Green Pond Corner junction is already the site of many accidents because of the dog leg nature . The turning from Havant into Pook Lane is unsafe because so many drivers planning to turn right, stop on the hatchings and wave cars to turn into Pook Lane and don't notice that cars can legitimately drive at 30 mph on the inside lane. Bearing in mind that the Pook Lane area is only 200 houses and there is no through traffic the number of accidents may not be significant compared to other areas but based on the percentage of movements it is very high!

If this development is approved the Green Pond Corner junction MUST be improved to be made safer and be part of any highways work!

The other major problem is the traffic build up every afternoon of working days at the Warblington roundabout back along Havant Road. There is a constant stream of traffic leaving the A27 turning to Emsworth which stops traffic entering the roundabout. In many case traffic stretches back to the Wheelwrights pub and beyond. This has become much worse recently with all the extra housing along the A27.

At 4.30pm it has can take over to 15 minutes to get to the roundabout to get from the Pook Lane, a distance of just a few hundred metres. For cars trav-

elling from Havant it can take so much longer as they get caught at the traffic lights as well!

Although I am sure highway improvements will be part of the any approval there is no way the the existing road network and junctions can be improved sufficiently to deal with all the extra traffic that it already has to deal with and so much more that is already planned. I therefore feel this development should be refused unless a link road to the A27 is built!

