

Dear Mr Oliver,

We are writing to object to this application on the following grounds:

- 1) This application for 320 dwellings, has been submitted prior to the Draft Havant Borough Local Plan 2036 being approved by Havant Borough Council and being subjected to an Inspection in Public. It would seem that the developer concerned is trying to fast track this application through the planning process, without allowing sufficient time for full public consultation.
- 2) Part of the Inspection in Public will need to consider the impact of not only this development but also that for Campdown (H41), as well as the nearby sites, H44 & H45, on schooling, health service provision and infrastructure generally, in that part of the borough. H41/44 & 45 added together are projected to provide 930 dwellings. At the moment there are no specific infrastructure proposals, as far as we can see, and it would be foolhardy to proceed until there are concrete plans in place.
- 3) The Rusty Cutter roundabout is already congested at peak times and this development, along with the proposed development at Lower Road, Bedhampton, will only worsen the situation and increase air pollution in the immediate vicinity.
- 4) Forty Acres is a "Site of Importance for Nature Conservation" for Brent Geese and is also a feeding site for seven red listed bird species, including Curlew, Starling, Song Thrush and Skylark, as well as nine amber listed species and a further 19 green listed species. A small number of bats have also been recorded at the site. The loss of 40-50% of the site to housing is going to have a significant effect for the future of these species, in this location.

We emphasise, again, that this application should not be considered in isolation; rather the future of Forty Acres needs to be carefully considered as part of the overall Draft Local Plan and it's effect on the infrastructure and environment of the southwest corner of the Borough of Havant. Consequently it should be considered by the Council as a whole, not as a delegated decision. The temptation, just to tick off a certain percentage of the housing requirement, should be resisted.

Yours faithfully,

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