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LITTLEHAMPTON
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Application: CM/48/21/RES

I **strongly object** to this development there are many reasons, I will name a few.

This is **USED** agricultural farmed land & therefore should stay that way for a sustainable way of producing food, two or three crops are grown in this field each year. The UK government along with the rest of world have now recognised that we need to do more to battle climate change & concreting over & building on farmed agriculture fields & where there are other buildings in the local area that are no longer fit for purpose, along with fields that are not used for growing crops should be explored first.



One of my biggest concerns is the amount of extra traffic that this development is going to create not only when it is being built but when the development has been completed our roads are already heavily congested & more recently gridlocked when an accident happens within a 5-mile radius of this site. What would be a 5-minute journey to the local supermarket when I first moved here in 2010 can now take anything from 15-30 minutes depending on the time of day. I have noticed that currently data is being collected for traffic movements in the area this should also be done during the summer months as whilst the winter months are bad the summer months are even worse the impact this extra traffic is going to have on an already very dangerous junction (Horsemare Green Lane/Church Lane) needs to seriously be considered. Should the new roundabout scheme go ahead on A259 that is currently under consultation whilst it may well mean the roundabout is safer than the current one, this on its own will make HGL/Church Lane junction even more dangerous, then add

another 300 homes into the immediate area coming out of HGL will be a lot worse than it currently is now & turning right a complete danger to all.

I note that there are two car parks on the plan I am unsure if these are just whilst the build is taking place or if are going to stay. Car Park 1 is positioned on the other side of the proposed new roundabout so I wonder if it will be fit for purpose either during the build or once the build has been built. Church Lane is already an issue to cross now. I see no mention of a pedestrian crossing being needed but if it will then this will slow up the traffic immensely causing yet more congestion & grid lock during certain times of the day already during rush hours queues of traffic are seen daily during the week up past Ford Prison so introducing a car park across from the build will increase this easily up as far as the Ford Market & possibly up to the Ford Railway station which is probably 2 miles from this build. The build is expected to take 202 months therefore if this car park is only for the build there will be at least four years of queued traffic over 2 miles long during rush hour.

I would also like to highlight that the Architects, Foreman Homes, Highways England, or ADC have not picked up the errors in the method statement under Pre-Site Preparation & also the Use of Cranes. This development is nowhere near Southampton Airport or the A3051 Botley Road anyone with local knowledge would know this so therefore my concern here is that if these errors have not been addressed when the new method statement was written & uploaded on 29th September 2021 then what else is incorrect in this application. Attention to detail is everything on a project of this scale & this is lacking somewhat.

This field floods at certain times of the year & the ponds that are detailed on the plans in my opinion will not be big enough to cope with this flooding therefore my concern is where is this water going to go.



My other concern is regarding the sewage that these houses are going to create my understanding is that the Littlehampton Sewage treatment station is already not able to cope with the situation of all the new homes that have recently been built in Littlehampton only a few weeks ago there were at least 30-50 lorries thankfully in the early hours of the morning I understand that were used to ferry sewage from Littlehampton up to the Ford waste water treatment works as the Littlehampton plant failed. Is the developer going to be contributing to increasing the size of our sewage works to cope with these extra houses?

I would also like to enquire what contribution the developer is giving to Clymping (not to Littlehampton). How are ADC going to ensure our current GP's & local primary school are going to be adequately funded? To simply expect our current facilities to provide appointments & places for a further 300 homes is ridiculous. We already have several developments going on in the area that are currently underway & ADC have omitted to get funding from the current developments to provide a pavement for people to walk along which has made HGL very unsafe for children & the elderly. My concern is that once these developments are completed our schools & GP surgeries will struggle with the demand & the health & well-being of its patients & community will seriously be affected.

There are several wildlife that live in this field namely, bats, rats, mice, frogs, newts, hedgehogs, deer & skylarks to name a few. You will be aware that Skylarks are protected under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 so should ADC approve this development then the relevant authorities will need to make sure the Skylarks habitats are not disturbed during the build my understanding is they nest twice a year during April & August so will the build stop in these two months to accommodate the skylarks under the act?



Roman artifacts have been found in this field & therefore whilst some of these could be removed & preserved in museums for historic reasons further exploration work needs to take place to discover the full historical value of this land. Once it is concreted over there is no going back.

Lastly, I back onto the field & am concerned about the noise & pollution that the new road is going to create in my back garden. Also, what trees are having to be destroyed to accommodate the build? I understand that new trees will be planted to compensate for this. However, I would like to see a detailed plan submitted showing what trees are going to be planted an arboriculturist will need to check & an order be put on that ADC will maintain these my concern is that when are fully established, they will block the sunlight from the gardens that back on to this development.

Regards


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