

# STATEMENT TO REJECT PLANNING APPLICATION

## NEWGATE LANE

My name is Pal Hayre and I am the County Councillor for The Crofton Division of Fareham. In my County capacity I serve the wards of Stubbington, Hill Head and a small area north of Peak Lane. On behalf of my residents and myself I object to the planning application for development on land at Newgate Lane.

Newgate Lane lies within Stubbington, served by Fareham Borough Council. The land between Newgate Lane and Newgate Lane East is defined as countryside and a strategic gap separating the settlement between Fareham and Gosport. Peel Common lies in the Borough of Gosport.

Over 500 representations of objections were received by FBC and GBC.

These are just some of my reasons for objection;

1. The local schools in Stubbington are already at full capacity and under extreme pressure, only recently a family moved into the area, Crofton school could not accommodate their child. Crofton Hammond and Crofton Anne Dale have waiting lists. Residents in Stubbington would undoubtedly want their children to attend these sought-after schools as I did with mine.
2. Stubbington and Hill Head is served by only one very small medical centre. Whilst the medical service is excellent the building is outdated, the appointment dates longer and lacks parking facilities.
3. A dense development sandwiched between old and new Newgate Lane would negate the character of the area and impact the landscape.
4. Fareham's 5-year housing land supply currently sits at 4.2 years but that does not mean that developments such as these should be taken sympathetically which do not meet all the core strategy policies just to boost up the numbers.
5. The site is clearly outside of the defined urban settlement boundary of Stubbington and Hill Head.
6. Traffic in and around Stubbington is dire already, with extra housing the traffic will increase further. The proximity of the development site is not within walking distance to Stubbington Village Centre which will encourage the use of motor vehicles resulting in further air pollution.

7. Spending £12.5 million of taxpayer's money to construct Newgate Lane East was to improve access to Fareham and Gosport, not to accommodate housing developments in the greenfield sites.
8. With extra vehicles there would be a cumulative impact on traffic at Collingwood roundabout and access to Asda.
9. Safety impact on the junction of old Newgate Lane and Newgate Lane East. Turning right is already difficult.
10. Safety impact of crossing Newgate Lane East to access bus stops.
11. Safety impact to cyclists on old Newgate Lane.
12. The area is poorly served by public transport. Poor bus service and no active travel plan.
13. Taking away the countryside would have an adverse effect on people's mental health.
14. Impact on the horses and their owners who currently have use of the land.

In conclusion the proposal is contrary to Policies set out in the Fareham Borough Council report and risks of this proposal significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits.

Hampshire County Councillor Pal Hayre