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I live in Woodcote Lane, a beautiful semi rural lane overlooking open fields. We are 10 houses, we are all neighbours, friends, we meet regularly, look out for each other, babysit and sign birthday cards. Our age range is 4 to 86. Our kids play can play safely in the lane. We are lucky to have such a wonderful place to live.

But According to the Appeal's document on Fareham Plan LP and Bargate homes, who I refer to as Pegasus, on page 8 3.6, we are not significant.

Quote: "Prominent views of the sites would only be available from its immediate context along Newgate Lane and Woodcote Lane"

Quote: "these impacts and effects are were not considered significant in landscape and visual terms"

We used to live in a well envied part of Peel Common, an ancient highway, people didn't know we existed as we were tucked away in our oasis. but then the new Newgate Lane road was built, and we lost a huge proportion of wildlife, and our idyllic quiet country setting. Although there were a couple of main roads near, before it was built, the noise couldn't be heard from half of our properties, and the sound of shouting from Sunday league football matches a permanent fixture.

Now the road noise is constant. Not only have we been let down by this road being built, but Pegasus want to build immediately opposite our houses and introduce a walkway through our lovely hedgerow, destroying the character of the area, and allowing our lane to be used as a shortcut to the nearest bus stop. People may not see the new housing from the new Newgate Lane, but we would see it every single time we opened up our curtains. An ugly monstrosity of a housing estate characterless and as many that can be crammed into one place. The noise too would destroy everything that we have left. Since the road was built, we've watched motorcyclists cut through the footpath onto our road, as it's a quick way to join the new main road. With this proposal there is real concern about the risk of danger as more people from the new estate try to attempt the same thing, and the police would be powerless to stop them.

Little is mentioned in the plans about the close proximity to the sewage works. A significant amount of money has been spent trying to stop the smell, but we still get the legendary pong in our lane. Imagine the shock of the new residents in the new housing estate when they smell it for the first time. Then there is the flooding that takes places across ALL of the fields, the rain turns it into an enormous muddy bog. And don't get me started on the nitrates and pollution and lack of amenities

I discovered the original plans for this application back in 2015. The dates of these plans November 2014. These plans are actually from a PDF on FBC website. (refer to link) "The case for residential development east of Newgate Lane has been reinforced by Hampshire County Councils confirmation of their preferred route for the re-alignment of Newgate Lane" (note that East now changes to west because of the positioning of the new alignment)

At the time FBC were adamant that the road was necessary as a relief road for Gosport and Daedalus. Residents voted on these plans based on that principle. There was never any intention of houses being built along that road. Us residents were very sceptable of that statement. That's where I discovered these plans. I discussed them at CAT meetings, and spoke to the road planners. Sean Woodward, leader of fareham borough council, insisted that he had never heard of these plans, and the planners hadn't heard of them either. I'd left messages for Dan Weevers from Pegasus to call me back in June 2015 regarding this discovery.

Infact we were told that the farmer intended to keep his fields, which has now been divided up by the road, and he would carry on farming. The residents of Woodcote Lane had several meetings with Sean Woodward, and HCC planners Jonathen Ryder and Linda Wickens, possibly (Heather Warmesley as well, though Im not entirely sure if she came), Caroline Dinenage and Chris Wood who was Ward Councillor at the time. We were constantly making our views known, even if we didn't feel that we were being listened too.

As you can see by these plans, they are almost identical to what is being proposed now. The building of the new Newgate Lane plays directly into the developers hands. In fact the developers were at the planning meeting advocating for a roundabout to be put in at the junction from the old Newgate Lane to the new one to make building houses easier, and safer for all of the new traffic to drive onto the new road. I was at that meeting as I made a deputation against it at the time.

As the new road was being built, Fareham Borough Council suddenly changed their local plan to include 375 houses on the east of Newgate Lane, completely avoiding the west side, the part that Pegasus was eying up.

This proved that Fareham Borough Council, and the Council Leader who was also head of transport at Hampshire County Council at the time, as well as being the chairman for the Partnership for South Hampshire committee, had actually intended to put houses along that stretch of road.

It is understood that the local plan has now changed due to the uproar that it created.

If I knew about Pegasus plans back in 2015 then I'm completely surprised that FBC and HCC hadn't.

Myself and my neighbours are still waiting to be compensated for the increased road noise. The sound proof fences do little to take away the noise, they start off high at the front of our properties, but then they are lower towards the back as the road comes closer, allowing noise to circulate.

Incidentally, higher barriers have been installed alongside the empty fields where there are currently no houses. Once the houses were proposed, they seemed to fit with the plans perfectly.

I feel that this whole planning process needs to be investigated to know who knew what, where and when.

We are all told that these extra houses are needed to forfil a shortage of housing, but we all know that the purpose to build developments like this is to make a few people, a hell off a lot wealthier. Residents like me who speak out against this are mocked and called Nimbeys for daring to protect the area that we love.