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As an Independent Councillor I work on behalf of the residents in the Stubbington Ward of Fareham Borough Council.

In a considered way, I put forward the aims and wishes of the residents without regard to Party Political Policy.

The residents of the area covered by this Inquiry have spoken loud and clear through their representatives regarding the proposed building of 190 dwellings in the area of Newgate Lane North and South. The majority are against the proposal.

As we have heard throughout the Inquiry so far, there are strong views on the traffic situation. Travelling north along Newgate Lane, the two lanes of traffic converge into one as they reach the Quay Street roundabout. The development of 190 dwellings would increase the number of vehicles, creating longer waiting periods at this roundabout. There is a lack of employment in the area. Therefore, vehicles will be travelling to and from this roundabout because of the close proximity to the M27.

It has been said that the development is within walking distance of superstores. Very well to walk to the stores but, loaded with bags, it would not be desirable to walk back.

Cycle ways are planned. The majority of cyclists are among the young generation. The older generation would rely on cars for, as we have heard, the bus is not a reliable form of transport.

Apart from Affordable dwellings other dwellings will be sold on the open market. Therefore, when it is said that Fareham Borough is years behind housing provision, this development would not benefit the residents of Fareham in particular.

The National Policy Framework covers community, schools, healthcare provision and the road network. Schools are currently near or are at full capacity. Healthcare is, once again, seeing over capacity not merely at local level but at the wider level, for example Queen Alexandra Hospital, Portsmouth.

The impact this development will have on present residents is huge. Their quality of life will be eroded. The traffic implications must be seen not on what we see today (we are in national lockdown, traffic flows are down) but on traffic flows residents have had to endure before lockdown and for many years.

Emphasis should be on what the residents see, witness and have to endure on a daily basis. Computer Modelling does not grasp the current impact traffic is having on the local community, nor does it correctly gauge future loading on our network.

The proposed development will change the character of the area.

Nitrates are a huge issue at present. The Solent has a number of special protected areas. Those areas are presently designated as unfavourable. Local Planning Authorities have a responsibility to bring such sites to a favourable condition.

The Local Council is currently bringing forward their Draft Local Plan, and I believe we should wait until this process is finished before agreeing sites outside of that process.

Affordable houses are needed in Fareham but must be in the right place. This is not the right place.

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