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From: Daren Jones**Sent:** 11 May 2021 22:49**To:** Salter, Tim <TIM.SALTER@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>**Subject:** Appeal: APP/A1720/W21/3271412 Plan Ref: P/18/1073/FP

Tim,

although I have made comments regarding this planned development, I would like to add further comments.

Firstly, as an engineer and not at all familiar appeals and inquiries, I find it impossible to understand how the appellant expects to be able to overturn the decision to refuse planning permission. Their latest submissions (and from my experience witnessing the Cranleigh Road appeal) suggests that they expect the shortfall in FBC housing allocations to be their main persuading factor. In my opinion, this appeal should be solely on the suitability of the site for building a large scale development and not on the quantity of houses currently in the local plan which is the victim of continuously changing requirements. If an Inquiry is necessary it should be into the FBC local plan as a big picture and not this single site that has been refused and also removed from the local plan.

I also wanted to pass on evidence in the form of photographs that clearly illustrate the problems that we already experience around the Romsey Avenue/Beaulieu Avenue junction. After returning from work at around 8.30pm this evening, I could not park close to my house because there were no spaces. You may be aware that there were plans to introduce double yellow lines around this junction in order to alleviate our concerns about road safety. These yellow lines would result in the loss of many spaces which will make the parking situation significantly more annoying. As you can see in the photos, there were just three spaces left this evening and one of the parked cars was in front of a garage access. It does not feel right that this proposed development should so adversely affect the parking and hence the everyday lives of the people already in the surrounding area.

As you have stated in your communication, all previous comments will be reviewed and considered but I would like to reiterate why I objected to this development plan.

1. The proposed site is the highest quality agricultural land and the NPPF clearly states that lesser quality land should be developed in preference.
2. The site is a haven for all sorts of wildlife including the Brent Geese. The proposed mitigation (Bird Conservation Area) was outright rejected by Natural England and the HCC ecologists because (and you don't have to be a wildlife expert to realise this) but there is no evidence that wildlife is at all likely to use a man made habitat (or any habitat) that is right next to a busy building site and eventually housing estate.
3. The increased traffic in the local area and in particular Beaulieu Avenue onto and off of the A27 will introduce grid lock and greater levels of air pollution in an area that has already been identified as having a problem. This additional traffic will also expose the many children travelling to the various schools in the local vicinity to much greater danger.

4. The area has suffered from near catastrophe due to flooding in the past (many photos have been provided documenting this.) Turning this field into a giant concrete slab is going to greatly increase the frequency of these occurrences, again affecting the existing residents.
5. There are lots of visitors from outside the area who come to walk around the foreshore of the harbour. Maintaining this open area between Portchester and Fareham should be a priority for the council.
6. Living in Romsey Avenue, we get to hear the participants of the activities being undertaken at the AFC Portchester club and, as you can imagine, it can get quite loud and offensive. I suspect that any new residents would immediately make complaints regarding the club's activities which again would adversely affect those already in the surrounding area.
7. The local infrastructure is already at capacity with the local primary schools being full, even after installing external classrooms just five years ago.

Please, please do not let this be an argument about the numbers in the Fareham BC's Local Plan but the issues that are specific to this site such as the massive impact it will have on the people who already live locally or those who choose to spend their spare time here be it the AFC Portchester members or those using the coastal path.

On the 8th May, I emailed you requesting that I be included in the list of interested parties wishing to observe the inquiry but I have not yet received a response.

Kindest Regards
Daren Jones
Sent from [Outlook](#)