

ONLINE COMMENT

on Planning Application to
Fareham Borough Council

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Application: **P/19/1193/OA**

Consultee No: 397

Outline planning application for the erection of up to 57 dwellings, together with associated parking, landscaping and access from Posbrook Lane
Land East Of Posbrook Lane Titchfield Fareham

COMMENT:

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The Titchfield Village Trust would like to object to this application in the strongest of terms. This is a somewhat cynical attempt by a developer to undermine both the Inspectors report regarding the already refused application for them to build 150 houses on this site and your own stated aims within the draft local plan.

We only have to quote the inspectors comments from the previous enquiry and of course his refusal to grant permission:

'The ecological provisions payments and additional bird sanctuary are primarily mitigation requirements resultant from the proposed development and its likely potential effects and do not therefore substantively add a positive contribution to the overall balance.'

'The impact on the significance of the Grade II* listed buildings is not outweighed by the public benefits of the scheme and therefore the additional harms related to landscape and BMVAL only add further to the weight against the proposal. The advice in the Framework supports the conclusions to resist the proposal. There are therefore no material considerations that indicate that a decision other than in accordance with the development plan would be appropriate.'

These reasons still stand whether we are talking about 150 dwellings or 57.

It is, to quote your own view from the Local Plan consultation, 'a very important landscape and any proposed new housing would have a negative impact.'

Keeping the Meon Valley strategic gap as a development free zone is vital in retaining the integrity of the 2 adjacent conservation areas of the Village of Titchfield and Titchfield Abbey, as you yourselves have pointed out on numerous occasions.

Indeed the local plan suggests that at some time this gap has the potential to become greenbelt as the only open space between Southampton and Portsmouth along the A27.

Foreman Homes should not be allowed to encroach in any way on this gap. Fareham already have a robust plan for housing development within the borough including provision for 400 or so dwellings alongside the A27 at the nearby Segensworth roundabout.

150 houses was wrong and so are 57. This is a green space that should remain green.