

Deputation Submission by Samuel Wright

Planning Committee meeting: 14 February 2024

Planning Application No: P/23/1341/OA – Land West of Fareham Park Road

Hope Lodge Close is a small residential development, predominantly occupied by families and provides a quiet and safe residential environment that allows families to enjoy the space without fear of danger from road traffic and other users. In a short, abridged summary, our principal objections are as follows:

1. Site resides within the Meon Strategic Gap (DS2) & countryside (DS1), two planning appeals APP/A1720/W/21/3271214 and APP/A1720/A/13/2203892 confirmed the site is Countryside and not suitable for development.
2. Proposal of more than 4 units lies outside of the defined Urban Area and does not comply with policy HP2 and HP4.
3. Significant wildlife activity (inc. protected species) on and next to site which will be lost/disturbed (contrary to DS3).
4. Site not identified as a housing allocation area in the Local Plan. Areas HA22, 49 & 50 allocated for housing within 1km of this site will meet local demand, these should be utilised first.
5. Approval would be contradictory to previous but still relevant planning refusals and appeal dismissals, namely those detailed in P/18/0363/OA; APP/A1720/W/21/3271214; P/13/0137/OA; PP/A1720/A/13/2203892; P/16/1424/OA; P/21/1943/FP; P/21/1943/FP.
6. Harm to the amenities enjoyed by residents including bridleways, valuable green space, privacy, and the right to enjoy a quiet and safe residential environment.
7. Insufficient and unsuitable access for construction vehicles to gain entry to the site without causing a highway hazard or inconveniencing neighbours.
8. Density of properties is far greater than the existing dwellings in Hope Lodge Close and design is not in keeping with the existing abutting development. (contrary to HP2).