

Deputation Submitted by Ms Rawlinson

To whom it may concern

As a resident of Hayling Island I would like to object to the proposed building of 195 homes in Sinah Lane for various reasons.

Even before the pandemic, our Doctor surgery's have been extremely oversubscribed, meaning it can be two to three weeks before we can obtain a routine appointment with our Doctor. This includes blood test appointments and general well-being, appointments which are vital with certain conditions and illnesses. This is on top of urgent appointments. We have a very high population of retired and elderly on the island who need to be taken care of. This makes it even harder for those of us who work full time and rely on the goodwill of our employers to allow us time off, to enable our health to be monitored.

Our schools are also very overstretched. More children need extra support (especially at this time) which can not be provided now, so adding to the numbers will put a strain on resources even more.

Leaving the island to attend appointments at local hospitals is a very fraught experience, as any manner of obstacles can cause delays: food/parcel delivery's, dustmen, broken down vehicles, large lorries unable to take the bends and cyclists, to name a few. This means leaving ridiculously early to ensure you make the appointment on time. Ambulances attending incidents have an awful time, as constant congestion hampers their ability to get through. As we have many visitors to the island, the tailbacks on and off can be right back to the beach, even up to midnight on occasions. How can residents leave and return to their homes with this amount of traffic? We can't! Adding to the volume will not help.

Most houses these days have two cars, meaning nearly 400 extra cars will be making journeys everyday. As it has been pointed out by other concerned residents, there is no employment on the island, so most will be travelling to work and back off island. The schools and Doctors are not close to this site, leading to more car travel. The pavements through West Town are non existent in places, as the village was designed not to be heavily residential. Therefore unsafe for children to walk or cross.

We recently had a burst water pipe on Sinah Lane. This caused disruption to traffic, pedestrians and left homes with low water pressure whilst it was fixed. It was due to the movement of pipes caused by sediment moving under groundwater pressure. Surely this should be taken into account? Adding more homes on a known flood plain will not help.

Over the last few months we have noticed a huge rise in the amount of wildlife in the field where the proposed build will be. This ranges from honey buzzards, bats and a peregrine falcon. We have now and over the years had slow worms, newts and stag beetles and have a friendly hedgehog family who come in through the fence from the field, into our garden. Many birds frequent this site.

Visitors to the island use Sinah Lane as a means of getting to the ferry area to launch boats and jet skis. Their cars are frequently parked on yellow lines to avoid car park fees, making it difficult for residents to leave their driveways or to walk safely.

Some of the proposed houses are three story's high (windows in the roof) making them taller then existing houses. They face directly into residents homes on the second and third floor making people feel very vulnerable and exposed. Our gardens will be totally overlooked. We have worked hard for our properties and should be able to feel safe and comfortable. Why should we lose our privacy?

We all take pride in our homes and need to feel safe, especially at this current time. Should we not have a private space we can feel secure in?

Kind regards

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