

Dear Councillors of the Planning Committee, I would like to make the following deputation submitted 14:30 on 9th January 2024 into the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting on Thursday 11th January 2024 with regards agenda item 5a APP/21/01451 Southleigh Park House.

In addition to public comments already submitted I make the following deputation referencing specific sections of the Supplementary Information Report. Please refer to these sections whilst addressing my comments. To include these specific sections below and to refer to specific sections in the many documents associated with this planning application would require a much more detailed deputation than the allowable 750 words.

Environmental Health (air quality) Page 8. Officer Comments

Access to the road network from the south of the site is into Eastleigh Road which is wholly unsafe for walking and cycling.

Pedestrian and Cyclist Provision 7.63 Page 22 and 23

The Highway Authority in their letter dated 8th November 2023 stated they are not satisfied that the site layout is safe and suitable. In their letter dated 14th December 2023 they are satisfied. What's changed? The developers have modified the internal walking and cycling routes to integrate the western and southwestern parcels of the site removing "the need" for pedestrians and cyclists to route via Eastleigh Road. The route via Eastleigh Road is the most direct route to all local amenities (shops, schools and stations). Do Hampshire Highways, the developers or the Planning Committee honestly believe that all pedestrians and cyclists will actually take the safer, indirect and much longer route to local amenities via Bartons Road, Horndean Road and Southleigh Road?

It's my understanding that local residents have made many representations to Hampshire Highways over many years with regards to the already hazardous conditions on Eastleigh Road. Increased traffic flow, blatant disregard for the 40mph speed limit, no pavement for pedestrians and how dangerous it is for all residents to enter into Eastleigh Road from all residential properties. In spite of these many representations Hampshire Highways has done nothing to alleviate or even investigate these hazards. Has a representative study been done to evaluate the existing hazardous conditions of Eastleigh Road and the impact of the large increase in traffic flow this development will create? What faith can existing and future local residents have in Hampshire Highways that they will address the hazardous conditions on Eastleigh Road after the Reserved Matters stage or at any stage?

Foul and Surface Water Drainage 7.105 Page 28

How can the existing flooding of Eastleigh Road be acknowledged but the fact that flooding will only be made worse by the increased surface water from this development be disregarded?

Is the planning committee aware that whenever there is rainfall an area of Southleigh Road between Eastleigh Road and Horndean Road is often impassable due to flooding? This is the low point where the flood water coming down Eastleigh Road collects.

Summary

Before the Planning Committee grants approval of reserved matters I implore them to be satisfied in all respects as to the impact this development will have to the already inadequate safety and surface water drainage of Eastleigh Road to pedestrians, cyclists and all other road users.

The cost to the public through the inevitable injuries and fatalities that will arise from traffic accidents in Eastleigh Road and subsequent punitive costs to the public purse to remedy this impact after planning approvals have been given may very well heavily outweigh the benefits this development is anticipated to provide to the local area.

Yours faithfully,

William Chalker