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Dear Ms. Morris,

RE PLANNING APPLICATION F/22/94174 – FAIR OAK SPORTS PAVILION, PAVILION CLOSE, FAIR OAK SO50 7PS

We are writing further to our letter dated 11 June 2023 objecting to the above planning application and two emails and attachments of 15 June 2023 that we received from Harry Lee, Corporate Project Manager of your Council. The Countryside Service's letter of 14 June 2023 makes reference to our objections.

Harry Lee has explained the proposal in the attachment to his email of 15 June 2023 10:19 and provided more detail and a plan showing how the drainage is to connect to the watercourse. We believe we have located the inspection chamber at the junction of the red line with an arrow head and the dashed blue line adjacent to the hedge and on the playing field side of the hedge that separates the playing fields from Footpath No 1b Fair Oak and Horton Heath. It does not appear to have been lifted for some time so we suggest that it be inspected and the condition of the existing pipe be checked.

The planning application appears to be lacking in detail on the lengthening of the pipe taking the watercourse and detail on the construction of the head wall at the new end of the pipe. There is no cross section along the proposed pipe showing its relationship to the proposed playing field drainage system. Nor any levels that would prove that the design would work. These aspects are matters for you and the Parish Council to consider but not ones that concern us as there does not appear to be any impact on the right of way and drainage discharges are not proposed to be increased in a way that they would physically affect it. So we withdraw that element of our objection of 11 June 2023 that relates to the reorganisation of the playing fields.

We do not withdraw that part of our objection that relates to the provision of a footpath through the playing fields to connect the proposed 2500 houses in One Horton Heath with the Wyvern Schools. It is the intention to funnel children to school along two proposed routes into Pavilion Close where there are already unresolved safety issues at school traffic times with the footways being blocked by parked traffic and unable to provide the function for which they were built. Currently the footways are not parental traffic or disability friendly during peak school traffic times because persons with prams, mobility vehicles, wheelchairs and walking frames can no longer get through without using the carriageway because of vehicles parking on the footways despite the double yellow lines which were introduced to make it safer.

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The applicants have acknowledged the existence of the problem and regard it as a traffic enforcement problem. The problem is that the volume of parental, visitor and staff cars seeking parking spaces cannot be safely accommodated and the resources available to enforce the parking restrictions and alternative locations to park do not exist.

When a proposal is put forward which exasperates an existing off-site traffic problem this becomes a material matter that needs to be considered as part of the planning application and the off-site impact of the proposal needs to be considered. The application should include sufficient elements of off-site mitigation. The planning authority should seek the provision of an independent assessment of the situation from the highway authority to establish the physical ways that school traffic time related pedestrians can be protected from the impact of motorised transport.

Yours sincerely

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