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Dear Gary Osmond,

I am writing this email as the comment button on the Eastleigh Borough Council website has been disabled, before the cutoff date of the 8th January, as advised in your letter. I trust that this comment will appear against the planning application in question.

I am sending this on behalf of Lorraine Scurr, Flat 3, Willow Mead.

Regards

Glen de la Cour

Planning Application F/23/95982

Willow Mead, Wildern Lane, Hedge End

Thank you for your letter dated 18th December 2023 informing me of this planning application which I received on the 20/12/23.

If this proposed development was to go ahead, my most serious concern would be the danger to myself and other residents, particularly those with mobility issues, from the frequent movement of lorries and other construction traffic. The bin store that all residents need to access regularly is just inside the entrance to Willow Mead and can only be reached by crossing the path of this traffic.

I am also concerned that having contractors vehicles and construction materials on-site will mean there will be no parking spaces for many of the essential visitors to Willow Mead, including: carers, medical professionals, emergency vehicles, the community bus, Homecooking Meal Delivery Service, pharmacy deliveries, postal deliveries, Podiatrist, hairdressers and family visitors. Also, when any resident goes out they may be unable to park on their return. There is limited off-site parking around the adjacent area, none at the beginning or end of the school day due to the Primary School and large Secondary School directly opposite.

Another issue is that there is on-road parking directly opposite the Willow Mead entrance which often causes difficulties entering and exiting Willow Mead even with the current level of traffic as it is, especially when the bus stop directly to the right of the entrance is in use. This will need to be taken into consideration not only for the safety of the residents of Willow Mead, but also for other residents in close proximity and the safety of the school children.

Willow Mead does not have 29 unallocated parking spaces as stated in the Hampshire Highways document. There are 25 unallocated spaces, a designated disabled space for each block, and 2 areas reserved for Doctors and Ambulances. The new building may also need its own disabled space to comply with the relevant highway and parking safety.

Turning to the proposed development itself, if the parking bay in front of the entrance is used, it will be difficult, if not impossible for anyone using a mobility aid to leave or access the building.

Given that each flat in the proposed new building has room for a double bed, there could be 8 additional residents, with a high probability that one or more will require regular visits from carers or any of the aforementioned services. It is also likely that the new residents would have visitors and that some of them would also have a car. I feel the additional traffic on site would be far higher than the eight two-way trips anticipated in the Hampshire Highways document.

The above concerns have all been to do with the safety aspects around the increased flow of traffic, both during and after construction. Other concerns impact on the daily living of the residents directly adjacent to the new building site.

Sitting out on the grass area during the summer months, during construction is going to be impacted by noise pollution, air pollution and a general decline in the social wellbeing of the residents.

Since the trees have been cleared to make the plot for this development, the path running alongside the Willow Mead development has been constantly flooded, making it impassable. Reassurance would be required to confirm that any future development would address this issue that has been caused.

I am also concerned about the effects of any additional residents from the point of view of the capacity of the bin area, which is not sufficient even for the current level of demand.

Yours Sincerely

Lorraine Scurr (Flat 3, Willow Mead)