

Owslebury and Morestead Parish Council

Owslebury and Morestead Parish Council (the Parish Council) objects to these proposals on the grounds that they will have a significant and unjustified impact on road traffic through the parish, which cannot or will not be negated by any action that may be suggested by the applicant or Eastleigh Council.

There is overwhelming evidence than any significant residential development north-east of Fair Oak will have such an effect. Most importantly, this was the finding of the government's planning inspector in 2020, when she dismissed Option C of Eastleigh Council's previous Local Plan. The Parish Council refers Eastleigh Council to the conclusions reached by the planning inspector and the evidence submitted to her by the Against Destructive Development (ADD) campaign, which demonstrated that any such development would be incredibly damaging to the South Downs National Park and, in particular, Owslebury and Morestead Parish.

In addition, the Parish Council notes that the Option C development plan was rejected despite including an accompanying road linking Mortimers Lane and the M3 at Junction 12 – a road that Eastleigh Council described as crucial to the viability of any major development in this area. No such road has been constructed or is proposed in Eastleigh Council's in its next Local Plan. As such, the development proposed by this application would have an even greater impact than that which was rejected by the planning inspector in 2020.

Rather than repeating submissions made by other respondents, the Parish Council also supports and adopts the reasoning set out in ADD's objection to this application and the reasons set out in ADD's article "Please participate in Eastleigh's Local Plan consultation NOW – some thoughts from ADD" (12 January 2025) [<https://add-eastleigh.org/2025/01/12/please-participate-in-eastleighs-local-plan-consultation-now-some-thoughts-from-add/>]. That article gives further reasons why any large scale development north-east of Fair Oak must be avoided.