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Address: Land at Denhams Corner, Snakemoor Lane, Eastleigh, SO32 2BW

Description: Outline application for up to 150 dwellings including 40% affordable housing, with vehicle and cycle accesses from Snakemoor Lane, pedestrian/cycle access from Botley Road, sustainable transport hub, public open space and play area, and associated infrastructure and landscaping.

Dear Gary,

Fair Oak and Horton Heath Parish Council object to the above outline application for the following reasons:

The proposed site is not allocated for development in the adopted Local Plan, nor is it identified as a preferred site in the emerging Local Plan review. Approving this application would undermine the plan-led system and set a dangerous precedent for speculative development. The proposal is therefore contrary to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which requires decisions to be plan-led.

The applicant's transport assessment (ref. section 2.6) inaccurately portrays the site as well-connected. In reality, the only bus service (No. 3) is infrequent and takes approximately 90 minutes to reach Southampton. Other services cited are either non-existent or extremely limited. The site is not within walking distance of essential services, and the development includes no provision for shops, schools, or healthcare facilities, making it car-dependent and unsustainable.

The development of 150 homes is expected to generate 300 additional vehicles accessing the site via Snakemoor Lane which is a narrow rural road with poor visibility, bordered by hedgerows and has no pavements. This raises serious safety concerns for both motorists and cyclists. The proximity of both site exits to the nearby roundabout further exacerbates safety risks for vehicular traffic, cyclists and pedestrians. The anticipated traffic volume would significantly increase the risk of accidents and endanger both drivers and pedestrians. The plan does not address these fundamental safety and accessibility issues.

The development would urbanise a rural landscape, causing irreversible harm to the character and appearance of the countryside. This is contrary to policies aimed at protecting rural settings and would set a precedent for further encroachment into greenfield land. The application fails to provide adequate detail on biodiversity mitigation. The loss of greenfield land and associated habitats is not offset by any clear strategy for ecological enhancement or net biodiversity gain, contrary to the requirements of the Environment Act 2021 and national planning policy'.

Best Regards,

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