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Dear Mr. Chapman,

RE Application No: RM/25/100575

Address: ONE HORTON HEATH, UPPER ACRE, HORTON HEATH, FAIR OAK, EASTLEIGH

Description: Submission of Reserved Matters relating to Layout, Scale, Appearance, and Landscaping pursuant to Condition 4 (RM Requirements) of Outline Planning Permission O/20/89498 for the erection of 424 dwellings within Phase 10 (The Upper Acre), with associated public open space, landscaping, and cycle and vehicular parking.

Thank you for your Council's email of 11 December 2025 consulting the Eastleigh Group of the Ramblers' Association on the above application.

On behalf of the Ramblers' Association, We hereby lodge an objection to the above planning application for two reasons.

1. Footpath No 702 Fair Oak and Horton Heath is included in the application area. It was the subject of the following diversion order - **The Eastleigh Borough Council (Fair Oak and Horton Heath Footpaths 702 & 703) Diversion Order 2022 ("the Order")**. This Order was confirmed on 23 January 2023 but the diversion has not come into effect because as far as we are aware the Borough Council has not issued the Certificate required by Article 3 of the Order. The effect of the diversion would move the right of way out of the development site and into the land on the opposite side of the hedge. The completion of the works to construct the proposed right of way and the issue of the Certificate should be a pre-condition of the other development being started on site.

2. Burnetts Lane adjacent to the site is a narrow road flanked by hedges which prevents pedestrians being able to get off the carriageway and the increased traffic on the road is making it hazardous for pedestrians. Going southbound many years ago to the north of the site a footpath was constructed running parallel with the road which is shown in red dashes on the plan in Appendix 2 below. From the outset of the proposals for One Horton Heath it was proposed that there should be a footpath on the west side of the hedge on the west side of the road. One is shown to be provided but it does not connect back to Burnetts Lane at the northern end – see the extract from the Landscape Plan in Appendix 1 below. A section of path indicated in red must be provided to resolve this hazardous situation. Given the number of houses it links together and its role in relation to Burnetts Lane we think that it should have a tarmac surface.

In Appendix 2 below we have added a plan which shows in red the footpath / footway link coming from the north. In our view this should be extended south along the section in blue by narrowing the road to a single two-way carriageway with a raised table in brown at the southern end where northbound traffic is discouraged thereby reducing the lanes attractiveness as a rat run for motorised traffic and providing a safe route for pedestrians.



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APPENDIX 1 BELOW



APPENDIX 2