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Jean Chambers  
Planning Department  
Fareham Borough Council  
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15 October 2018

Dear Jean,

**PLANNING APPLICATION: P/18/1118/OA**

I am writing to you to register my formal opposition to Fareham Land LP's plans for up to 75 houses to be developed on Newgate Lane.

As Member of Parliament for Gosport, Lee-on-the-Solent, Stubbington and Hill Head, I know full well the huge pressures on local infrastructure, including roads, housing, schools, GP surgeries and hospitals.

This proposal threatens the strategic gap between Gosport and Stubbington and I believe it is vital that we protect this land as a stretch of countryside that keeps communities distinct and prevents urban sprawl, whilst providing valuable green space to the local community.

While acknowledging that we desperately need new houses, they should first and foremost be built on brownfield land, not green spaces, which are increasingly few and far between in the Solent region. I strongly urge Fareham Borough Council to maintain this area as a strategic countryside gap, as outlined in the previous Local Plan.

Furthermore, this development is right on the border with the Gosport Borough, with access points through Gosport and using Gosport infrastructure and amenities. Gosport as a Borough is 72% built on, as opposed to the national average of 6%, developing 75 homes at this site would create excessive pressure on our already overburdened roads. The difficulty of getting in and out of the Gosport peninsula is infamous and this proposal will simply add so many more cars to gridlocked local roads. This development would also negate any road infrastructure works that have already taken place and are planned.

Back in July 2017, Fareham Borough Council were flagged as one of 23 councils that needs to tackle dangerous air pollution levels. As a result, 11 measures are being considered to reduce levels of air pollution; this development would add to the air pollution levels in the area affecting the health and wellbeing of local residents.

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Additionally, I am concerned about the pressures that this development would further put on our already full schools, community facilities, dental practices and GP Surgeries.

I sincerely hope you take my views into consideration when making the decision on outline planning permission.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Caroline Dinenage".

**Caroline Dinenage MP**