

Dear Peter,

I am writing to you to register my formal opposition to Miller Homes and Bargate Homes "Outline Application With All Matters Reserved (Except Access) For Residential Development Of Up To 375 Dwellings, Access From Newgate Lane East, Landscaping And Other Associated Infrastructure Works"

As the Member of Parliament for Gosport, Lee-on-the-Solent, Stubbington and Hill Head since 2010, I know full well the huge pressures on local infrastructure, including roads, housing, schools GP surgeries and hospitals.

This proposal threatens the strategic gap 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 need new houses, they should first and foremost be built on the ample brownfield land in our area, not green spaces, which are increasingly few and far between in the Solent region. I strongly believe this area should be maintained as a strategic countryside gap.

As you know, neither Fareham's new proposed Local Plan nor the existing Local Plan includes this area as an area for housing however have designated the entire area as open space and part of the Strategic Gap between settlements.

Furthermore, developing 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 adding so many more cars to the local roads, especially with access to this development via Brookers Lane, would be entirely unfair for residents. This development would negate any infrastructure works that have taken place and are planned and will cause the local infrastructure issues to become unmanageable.

Back in July 2017, Fareham Borough Council were flagged as one of 23 councils that needs to tackle dangerous air pollution levels - with some extremely tough measures considered by the Council, including making the access road to Gosport a toll-road. I know that Fareham Council are still looking carefully for steps taken to reduce the dangerous air pollution levels and this development would simply add to the excessive pollution in the area, adversely affecting the health and wellbeing of local residents.

Additionally, given its location, I am further concerned about the pressures that this development would further put on the already full schools, dental practices and GP surgeries in the Gosport Borough.

Finally, I understand that a consultation held by Miller Homes and Bargate Homes with residents ahead of this application received opposition of 96% showing the strong feelings of the local community against this development.

I sincerely hope you take my views into consideration upon deciding whether to grant permission for P/22/0165/OA.

Kind regards
Caroline

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