



SOUTHMERE FIELD'S COVENANT

As you may be aware, this green space alongside the main road is under threat, and we understand that a Planning Application is expected before the end of the year.

A COVENANT exists, drawn up in 1980 when The Mallards was about to be built.

The two parties to the Covenant were the then owner (MS Clarke) and Havant Borough Council, and the agreement was specifically designed 'to be enforceable against persons deriving title ..' (ie subsequent owners) 'WITH the intention and so as to bind into whosoever hands the same may come....' In the document, the Developer:

'..undertakes with the Council no house or dwelling unit shall be built on the land and the land shall not be developed to provide any residential accommodation of any sort...'

The Council's officers and politicians are currently considering 'lifting' this Covenant.

This would seem to be a moral outrage : the field has been consistently well-managed over the succeeding years, and the conditions which led to the drawing up of the Covenant in 1980 are at least as valid today, if not more so.

Please make your views known to your elected representatives:

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