

Havant Borough Residents Alliance

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Councillor Michael Cheshire, OBE
Leader, Havant Borough Council,
The Plaza,
Civic Centre Road,
Havant,
P09 3DN

14th September 2016

Dear Councillor Cheshire,

We, the undersigned, make a joint representation to Havant Borough Council regarding the Draft Local Plan Housing Statement and the Local Development Scheme.

Between us, we represent several thousand Borough stakeholders. We have all found our residents to be horrified about the potential loss of very large and important green spaces.

They feel that they are not being listened to and that damaging decisions regarding green field urban extension and so-called Strategic Sites are being foisted on us.

Residents feel that there has not been an adequate process of communication with the public, with poor access to information; e.g. there were no public notices in *Serving You*, or papers such as the *Ems*.

Local groups have been forced to work very hard to alert their members to the existence of the Public Consultation during the school holidays. It is not considered to be acceptable for decisions to be taken on such far-reaching and destructive proposals without more thorough public involvement and clear evidence.

There is also strong public feeling that all reasonable, sustainable alternatives to green field development have not been evaluated, and that hasty and irrevocable decisions could be taken on questionable evidence.

While we appreciate that Havant Borough Council has deadlines to meet as a result of the recent appeal decision, we call upon you to justify your rationale to our members.

Each of the undersigned groups has sent very detailed objections on behalf of our members, but to address the needs of residents we request a meeting to explore ways in which a more acceptable solution might be developed and presented to the public.

We invite Cllr. Mike Cheshire, Cllr. David Guest, Chief Executive Sandy Hopkins, Head of Planning Andrew Biltcliffe and Planning Policy Team Leader David Hayward to meet urgently with representatives of the groups named below before 26th October.

Meanwhile, we ask that stakeholder's comments are accepted up to a week before the 26.10.16.

Signed:

West Bedhampton R.A.

Warblington & Denvilles R.A.

Langstone R.A.

Emsworth R.A.

Langstone Village Association

CPRE Hampshire

FoE Havant & East Hampshire

Hayling Island R.A.

Westbourne Parish Council

Save Old Bedhampton