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## HOUSE OF COMMONS LONDON SW1A 0AA

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## WRITTEN DEPUTATION RE: P/20/0646/OA

Outline Application With All Matters Reserved (Except Access) For Up To 1,200 New Homes (C3); 80 Bed Care Homes (C2); A New 2 Form Entry Primary School (D1); A Local Centre To Comprise Flexible Commercial Floorspace (A1, A2, A3 And A5 Up To 800Sq.M) And Community Centre And Health Care Facility (D1 Use Up To 700Sq.M); The Formation Of New Means Of Access Onto Longfield Avenue And Peak Lane; New Open Space Including The Laying Out Of A New Country Park And Sports Facilities; Drainage Infrastructure; Walking And Cycling Infrastructure And Other Associated Infrastructure Works

As the Member of Parliament for Gosport, Lee on the Solent, Stubbington and Hill Head, I have been contacted by many residents who are concerned regarding this application and the impact this development will have on our area; causing huge pressures on local infrastructure, including roads, secondary schools, dental practices and hospitals.

This proposal threatens the strategic gap and 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. It is immoral to develop vast swathes of green agriculture land at a time of global food insecurity.

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. This development would negate recent infrastructure works which would be entirely unfair for residents.

In 2017, Fareham Borough Council were flagged as one of 23 councils that needs to tackle dangerous air pollution levels - with extremely tough measures considered by the Council. This development would exacerbate this excessive pollution, adversely affecting residents health and wellbeing.

Finally, it seems contradictory that when even the tiniest brownfield redevelopment sees massive punitive additional cost due to nitrates, this factor does not seem to be considered for a development of this scale - Portsmouth Harbour is either poisoned by nitrates or it isn't.

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