



11th March 2015

Planning Strategy Department
Fareham Borough Council
Civic Offices
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Dear Sirs

DEVELOPMENT - STATION ROAD, PORTCHESTER – PLANNING BRIEF 1002

I am writing to strongly oppose the development proposals to build 15 dwellings on the corner of Station Road and West Street Portchester on grounds of serious safety issues.

Former applications to develop this site were refused due to objections that still exist. These include

- Loss of green open space and removal of valuable ornamental trees.
- Pleasant visual amenity in an area of immense and fast moving traffic.
- Accessibility

Current plans would create an extremely dangerous situation for pedestrians and road users.

- Access and exit to and from the site would mean vehicles crossing two lanes of fast moving traffic.
- There is a history of numerous accidents due to vehicles entering Station Road from the A27 and the roundabout too fast and often on the wrong side of the road.
- Collisions already happen regularly and evidence of this is seen by the number of damaged railing around the area. (see photos attached)

Lack of adequate parking facilities at the site

- There is inadequate parking provision at the site for visitors or delivery vehicles. This would result in congestion on the access road and nearby verges.

Impact on immediate local residents and residents of the new accommodation

- The proposed plans show a large construction including a three storey section of building. This would dominate the area which is currently made up of single and two storey properties. Current properties would be overlooked in Station Road and The Leaway.
- The proposed building is too large for the site bearing in mind the actual number of properties, car parking, refuse facilities etc.
- I understand there are also issues with the main water mains in the area which means the only form of access is onto Station Road immediately on an already dangerous corner.

- There are concerns regarding traffic noise and air pollution not only for current residents but also those moving into the new properties, these cannot be ignored.
- The access road is only 4 metres wide and extremely close to the adjoining property “The Conifers” this will cause noise disruption and vibration.
- The access road does not include a pavement which again causes major concern especially as it is the intention residents of the new properties will be elderly.

Summarising it cannot be ignored that there are regular accidents already with the current road layout. These will be increased enormously if this development goes ahead. It is already difficult to cross Station Road as a pedestrian and will be even more so in a vehicle.

The road layout already needs improving for safety reasons without increasing the hazards and dangers to drivers and pedestrians. This is evidenced in the photographs I am enclosing with this letter and cannot be ignored. I have raised these safety issues with local councillors and the police/PCSOs in the past.

Yours sincerely

TOM DONNELLY