

To Mr David Hogger

Reference the Proposed Housing Site H20. Corner of Station Road and A27 Portchester.

Using Merjen Engineering PO16 8BG as part of this development.

DMM 25

Provision of older person's accommodation  
Modification DMM25 Page 90 New paragraph after 5.193 and Page 92 addition to start of Policy DSP42  
Corner of Station Road and A27, Portchester

Submission

It is my opinion this development will create a dangerous exit and entry for pedestrians to negotiate between the Crossway and Castle Street roundabout. There would also be extreme danger to cyclist/ motorist and pedestrians if development is allowed on this site.

Figures from the website <http://www.tvphampshiretraffweb.co.uk/#> show 4 serious accidents, February, April, May and June 2014. (Just the first half of the year) Records on the website are not completed yet for last year. There have also been many slight accidents in this area also shown on the above website. These cause an immense traffic hold-up of which there is no way round and cause tailbacks onto the A27. Station Road cannot be changed in width and already has the massive problem of the Railway Bridge that is hit by cars out of control and double decker buses have been known to get stuck under the bridge resulting in the Station having to close until the damage is accessed.



THE PORTCHESTER STATION RAILWAY BRIDGE. PAVEMENT OUTSIDE THIS RAILWAY STATION IS NOT WIDE ENOUGH EVEN FOR A DOUBLE BABY BUGGY.

IT ALSO SHOULD BE NOTED THAT PORTCHESTER RAILWAY STATION IS NOT ACCESSIBLE FOR THE DISABLED.



ENTRANCE ON THE SOUTH SIDE PLATFORM, 2 FLIGHTS OF STEPS TO THE TICKET OFFICE



THE BRIDGE THAT HAS TO BE CROSSED TO NORTHERN SIDE PLATFORM



EXIT OR ENTRY NORTH PLATFORM, A VERY STEEP SLOPE

There is no pavement on the Northern side of the A27 from this proposed development (AS SHOWN ON THE 4 PHOTOGRAPHS BELOW), only a grass verge. Merjen can be seen on the left.



PHOTO 1.  
NO PAVEMENT ONLY A GRASS VERGE – LOOKING EAST.



PHOTO 2

THE ENTRANCE TO THE UNDERPASS – LOOKING EAST; GRASS VERGE GRADUALLY RUNS OUT TO A PAVEMENT ON THE BEND AT THE ENTRANCE TO STATION ROAD. MANY ACCIDENTS ON THIS ROUNDABOUT - see <http://www.tvphampshiretraffweb.co.uk/#>

The underpass entrance is very close to the main road; the railings get hit quite often and could quite easily be demolished by a large lorry thus blocking the subway. Of course this cannot be changed.



PHOTO 3

THE GRASS VERGE GRADUALLY NARROWS. (A27 LOOKING WEST),



PHOTO 4

**NO PAVEMENT ON THIS NORTHERN SIDE OF THE A27 – LOOKING WEST**

Anyone that wanted to visit the dentist (west) on this northern side of the A27 either walking or in a mobility scooter has no option except to go through the underpass to Portchester Shopping Precinct and end up having to cross from the south side of the A27. (NO TRAFFIC LIGHTS) and also a very long walk. To get to the Precinct on foot from this proposed development site when the underpass is flooded, the only option will be to cross Station Road, (EXTREMELY DANGEROUS, NO TRAFFIC LIGHTS) try to get across the A27 ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF THE UNDERPASS (EXTREMELY DANGEROUS, NO TRAFFIC LIGHTS) and cross Castle Street (TRAFFIC LIGHTS) to the precinct.

There have been occasions when the underpass has closed for months due to flooding. I understand that this area of Portchester has underwater springs.

The grassed area of the proposed development site is considered by the residents of Portchester as a 'green lung' and should be left as such not only for the residents but also in order to help some 'soak away' during heavy rainfall

In the Viability report Station Road/A27 compiled by Jenkins Duval for Fareham Borough Council, page 7 it states "the gross area of this brownfield site is 0.5 acres" This is NOT CORRECT. Whilst the plot that Merjen occupies is certainly 'brownfield' and could be possibly contaminated, there has never any building to the south of Merjen, it backed on to the Railway Hotel and garden as shown on Land Registry Certificate HP 22282 dated 1937 and ordnance survey maps of 1910 and 1932.

It is my opinion that this site is unsuitable for any development and certainly not for the over 50's

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