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Planning Strategy Department Fareham Borough Council Civic Offices Civic Way FAREHAM Hants PO16 7AZ

**Dear Sirs** 

DEVELOPMENT OF GREEN SPACE AT CORNER OF STATION ROAD AND A27 ROUNDABOUT: PLANNING BRIEF 1002

I am writing to inform you of my very strong opposition to the proposals to develop current green space on the corner of Station Road and the A27 Roundabout in Portchester.

I strongly object to the proposals to build 15 new dwellings on the site as I believe this will give rise to major safety issues. Previous proposals to develop this site have been refused in the past due to objections and safety concerns and these safety concerns still exist. However the latest proposal now has an added safety concern since it includes the addition of an access/exit road very close to the A27 Roundabout, in Station Road.

The driveway to my property is directly opposite the proposed new access/exit road. Station Road narrows from the roundabout at this point, sharply in to one lane. Myself and my visitors already experience difficulty pulling out of my driveway due to the speed and volume of oncoming traffic. Any residents of the proposed new development would experience similar dangers and these would be increased by the additional restriction in visibility of oncoming traffic.

Over recent years there has been a significant increase in traffic using Station Road and this, coupled with the installation of traffic lights by the railway bridge in Station road, causes vehicles to tail back the entire length of Station Road and on to the A27 Roundabout. Residents entering or exiting the proposed new dwellings would need to pull across this queuing traffic.

This specific area is well known for being an 'Accident Blackspot" for motorists and cyclists. This is proven by the fact that Hampshire County Council recently provided an extended cycle path across the A27 Roundabout at Station Road and also have provided prominent "Think Bike" signage.

In addition to my strong highway safety concerns, I also feel that the site area is not large enough to accommodate 15 new dwellings along with adequate car parking for both residents, visitors and for deliveries. Station Road has "double yellow lines" along it's entirety hence there is no alternative parking facilities for the proposed development. However, if only the number of dwellings that the site could appropriately accommodate were built, then I would question the financial viability.

Given my very strong objections and concerns outlined above, I cannot see how it could be deemed a responsible course of action to allow the proposed development to go ahead.

Yours faithfully,

MRS EDNA HUMPHREYS