

Response ID ANON-K6KV-EX21-2

Submitted to Local Plan Main Modifications
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Introduction

1 Following this consultation, your name and comments will be published, but other personal information will remain confidential. Please note, you will not be able to proceed without ticking this box.

I agree to my name and comments being published.

About you

1 What is your full name?

Name:
Mrs Janet Morgan

2 Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

On behalf of an organisation

3 What is the name of your organisation?

Organisation:
Botley Parish Council

4 What is your address? (or that of your organisation)

Address:
The Botley Centre, High St Recreation Ground, High St, Botley, Southampton

Postcode:
SO302ES

5 What is your email address?

Email:
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6 What is your telephone number?

Telephone number:
+441489787181

7 Did you make representation to the Regulation 19 consultation?

Yes

8 Would you like to be notified when the Inspector's report is published?

Yes

9 Would you like to be notified when the Local Plan is adopted?

Yes

10 If you are not currently on our Local Plan database, would you like to be added?

Yes

What are you responding to?

1 What document are you responding to?

Main Modification Schedule

2 Please enter the reference number this comment relates to, for example MM number for Main Modification; PM number for Policy Map changes; ED number for Examination Document; or enter the section/paragraph number for Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Assessment.

Reference number:
MM118

3 Do you support or object to this Modification?

Object

4 Is this Main Modification legally compliant?

Yes

5 Is this Main Modification sound?

No

6 If you answered 'No' to question 5, please specify on what grounds (tick all that apply).

Justified, Effective

Your response to Main Modifications

1 Please explain your comments.

explain your comments:

It is understood that during the first examination of Eastleigh's emerging Local Plan, the Inspector has accepted that the area referred to as BO3 could be removed from a designation of being Countryside and allocated 70 dwellings. Botley Parish Council were disappointed with this decision.

The site is in Western Botley as indicated in the attached map. It is a challenging location with a SINC and high-pressure pipelines crossing the site. It is also on the edge of the Country Park. For ecological, environmental and biodiversity reasons there should be a significant and meaningful buffer zone on that part of the site that is adjacent to the Country Park.

Because of the SINC and the proximity of the Country Park, Botley Parish Council requests that a full and in-depth ecological survey and impact study be carried out prior to allocation of any housing on the site.

There are no public allotments in Western Botley, Botley Parish Council have requested that space is allocated in BO3 for allotments to remedy this planning oversight years ago.

Throughout Botley Parish there is significant shortage of Burial and Cremation Ashes spaces. It is requested that part of BO3 is allocated for a cemetery. Should the ground conditions prove unsuitable for burials then the space would be used for cremation memorial plots. This could be extended to the wider community in the vicinity.

Whilst we are greatly concerned about the ecological and environmental challenges with this site then given sufficient allocation of green space the Parish Council would not object to the original allocation of 70 dwellings.

We are significantly concerned with the proposed 70% increase from 70 to 120 dwellings. This increase gives an unacceptably high density, it is over-development of the site. Additionally there would be a strong visual impact on those people living on the West side of Kings Copse Avenue.

The proposed extended development is over-bearing, is out-of-scale and is out of character compared to existing developments in the vicinity.

We respectfully ask for full and meaningful responses to the points noted below.

- What is the justification for the increase in numbers from 70 to 120?
- Where and what is the evidence for this?
- What triggered this move to increase the numbers?
- How can this number be justified on a site of only 3.18ha (net) as this creates a high housing density of over 38 / ha on a site on the edge of the country park?
- What reasonable alternatives have been put forward?
- How have these reasonable alternatives been assessed?
- Why have these reasonable alternatives been rejected in favour of this site?
- What testing has taken place to consider the impact of these extra 50 houses on the overall site?
- What proposals are included or proposed to take account of the site's position in a Nitrate Sensitive Zone?
- Will the exit onto Kings Copse Avenue make use of a roundabout as everywhere else on that road?
- Where would the site exit/entrance be located?
- To avoid a 'ghetto' effect the higher density proposal would require two roundabout exits/entrances.

2 Please state the changes you think are necessary to this modification, including revised wording where possible.

Necessary changes:

To leave the housing number at 70

3 Would you like to submit another representation?

No