Dear Sirs,

Thank you for the invitation to the Langstone Residents' Association to comment on the consultation about the proposals for the redevelopment/regeneration of Langstone Park.

On a point of fact, the first diagram on page 4 indicates Langstone Road incorrectly.  The position shown is in fact, Langbrook Stream.  Langstone Road is east of the hotel and pub as shown on other plans.

Officers of the LRA are very willing to engage with the Team developing these ideas and trust this can be arranged on a face-to-face basis at the Park.  Your Masterplan is an indication of a proposal for the site, but it does not describe the business plan driving the scheme, it simply states the existing award-winning accommodation is outdated, underoccupied, and unattractive to potential occupants.  It rehearses statements about the positive aspect of the site, as perceived by the Owners, and ignores the negatives.

A particular point of contention must be the statement about a Transport Assessment describing the scheme as having "no discernible impact on the highways network."  Existing users generate significant difficulties on the A3023 daily to the East, and Brookside Road/Southmoor Lane/ Harts Farm Way to the West, so the prospective creation of up to 1585 new jobs can only exacerbate those problems for the local community and existing businesses!  Reference to a "travel to work plan", buses, trains, cycleways etc are laudable aims but quite unenforceable!

Concerns about heritage, ecology, and the quality of design must be addressed but initially the major failing of the scheme is a lack of its real integration with Havant and the absence of any realistic appreciation of the effect the insertion of all this, albeit much needed hi-tech employment opportunity, would have on the overstretched infrastructure of this part of the Town.  The fear amongst the local community is the long-term effect such a massive densification of this site, and its means of access, will have on Langstone.  The term Langstone "Park" will no longer be appropriate.

I sincerely trust this letter will be read and a meeting offered prior to the submission of a Planning Application.

Yours faithfully

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