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Sirs,

My name is Roy Wilkinson and I am Chairman of the Peel Common Residents Association. We are a recognised tenants association and have a membership greater than 60% and are active in looking after the welfare of our members. I would be grateful for your indulgence in noting the concerns of our community that are expressed in this residents association letter.

On the 18th August Bargate Homes Ltd posted a request to Fareham and Gosport Councils that basically expressed their interest at initiating a development proposal for homes on land east of the new road, Newgate Lane East. A subsequent exhibition/consultation on Wed 18th Sept gave in detail the development proposal. It is on this issue that our members in Peel Common have grave concerns.

It is understood and agreed that housing is an important issue however we believe that the location and infrastructure is also just as important. It is appreciated that no decision on the development has yet been taken however the members of our association have indicated that they are very concerned and believe that these concerns should be known by all prior to any consideration of an application for development.

The developer Bargate Homes is proposing to use Brookers Lane road and the old track (known locally as Muddy Lane) as the in and out route for the 100 homes. In today's traffic terms this could equate to 2 cars per home thereby contributing an extra 200 cars to the chosen entry/exit route. Currently the Brookers Lane road is a dead end and mainly used to access/exit the Drive (unbelievably busy during the school run) or to park a car when dog walking in the Brookers playing field. The idea that this No Through Road, can be changed to a Through Road is incomprehensible.

A current major complaint is that visiting cars (dog walkers) are already taking up car parking spaces at the dead end of the road and as a consequence cars are left parked up alongside the Brookers Lane road. It is difficult to see how a through road can operate successfully or safely. It is also difficult to understand how such a road and traffic situation could be imposed on the Peel Common Estate. The unique concept of the Peel Common Estate was to provide open areas and safety to its residents but this new proposal would undoubtedly further degrade the original principles set out more than 50 years ago. A single, one way in and out, narrow road to facilitate a probable traffic use of 200 cars is surely a backward step and not in tune with current building aims. It is understood that a traffic monitoring scheme was recently implemented that indicated limited traffic use of Brookers Lane road however the monitoring could not indicate the number of cars parked around the area due mainly from visitors to the playing field. Also a limited traffic monitoring system does not always reflect the month on month variation in car volumes. Any extra flow of traffic around the Brookers Lane road area is viewed with apprehension. During disruptive traffic conditions

cars often use the route through Brookers Lane road as a car rat run to outlying communities bordering the Peel Common Estate.

The process of approval to development applications is recognised as often slow and extended. Residents are often off guard when important decisions are made that affect their welfare. It is on this point that it is hoped this letter may help convey the concerns and anxieties held by the community living on the Peel Common Estate.

Roy Wilkinson

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Roy Wilkinson', written in a cursive style.

Chairman
Peel Common Residents Association