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OBJECTION TO THE HBC DRAFT LOCAL PLAN 'Build a Better Future'

I am writing to object to the fact that Havant Borough Council has allocated land (The Horsefield EM08a) that lies within the Chichester Harbour National landscape for development (the building of 90 homes) without demonstrating that there are exceptional circumstances.

The National Landscape exists to protect the beauty of the harbour landscape and people's enjoyment of it. Allowing development on this site will set a precedent for future decisions that might lead to the wholesale degradation of our local harbour landscape. If site EM08a is developed, what is to stop Warblington Conservation area from being developed? These areas are precious and should not be allowed to disappear without there being **exceptional circumstances**.

No major development within the Chichester Harbour National landscape has ever been approved and it is strange that this site has been included in the draft Local Plan during the final weeks of a very long consultation process. In the past EM08a has been assessed as being unsuitable for development and its future as a protected part of the Chichester Harbour National Landscape must not be jeopardised by its last-minute inclusion, a decision which I believe needs further scrutiny.

Yours faithfully,

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Phoebe Atkinson-Eberle

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