

Dear Michael,

As we are now closing in on the next Infrastructure Meeting on 25 April, there is clearly no time for the results of the A3023 reviews to be distributed and reviewed by the Committee ahead of time. We have a very real concern (given the very limited communication from both HCC and HBC on this topic) that the HBC approach will be to present the results simply to demonstrate that the road infrastructure can handle the allocation in the current Local Plan and attempt to draw the Advisory Group into some kind of consent. If this proves to be the case it will be rejected out of hand because:

- a. HBC have taken 14 months to get their review to this point and the Advisory Group, as agreed, must be given a reasonable period to digest and evaluate the proposal. (We would recommend at least one month be allocated for the process.)  
At the end of this period a meeting should be scheduled to consolidate the Advisory Group's recommendations for input into the Infrastructure Plan.
- b. For the past 14 months the Advisory Group has required the leaders of the A3023 projects to establish the road capacity and growth potential over time to determine the quantity of and time schedule for housing growth on the Island. HBC allocations have been and will always be the minor percentage of new housing projects. Limiting the analysis to this small number will send the message to the land owners/developers that unlimited windfall proposals are back on the table. The only management tool available to control future housebuilding is a sustainable infrastructure model against which all projects can be measured to ensure a sustainable and economic community.
- c. The establishment of the Advisory Group recognised the unique status of Hayling Island (single access – cul de sac – etc) and understood the need for a strategic infrastructure review to ensure a sustainable future. The housing allocations in the latest Local Plan are required to fit into this environment – not the other way round.

We are very disturbed by several aspects of the Road Infrastructure project, namely;

- The total lack of communication from the Roads Authorities,
- The silence from HBC on the results of the Hayling Island Traffic Survey last year, and
- The refusal of HBC to involve the Advisory Group in the traffic modelling process to date.

Should our worst fears prove to be accurate, we would be forced (despite our best efforts to avoid confrontation) to execute our promise to the residents with a minority agenda/status report, open and published to the widest audience.

If all the parties recognise the seriousness of the situation, we believe that there is time to resolve any potential issues with an improved and open communications environment between HBC and the Advisory Group. We look to you to lead the way to ensure the programme stays on track.

For our part, we are committed to appropriate and managed housing growth on the Island and are available 24/7 to assist in resolving any outstanding issues.

Michael, we apologise for the length of this note. You already know our strong feelings on this matter but if our nightmare scenario becomes reality, this document will become evidential.

Please advise us how you intend that the committee should deal with these issues. Our need for a response is urgent. I am available anytime.

Regards



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