

C Mr Simon Avery  
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Dear Mr Avery

**Re: Planning Application 17/02615/FUL**

**Residential development comprising 120 dwelling units, garages, parking spaces, new access from Winchester Road, new roads, public open space, landscaping and drainage works**

On behalf of the Wickham Society, we write to raise concerns about the above planning application:

- The proposed density of housing is significantly greater than current housing provision within the vicinity and thus risks having a detrimental impact on the existing character of the historic village of Wickham.
- The proposed upgrading of the road junction at the top of the hill on the Winchester Road at the junction with Blind Lane and Titchfield Lane is to be welcomed and will be an essential element of the plans to prevent vehicle noise and pollution for existing residents in the area being exacerbated.
- It is important that the developers take notice of the impact that the proposed pedestrian pathway to the village will have on existing residents, as the path will pass close to homes that currently have limited disturbance. Security and lighting needs to be sensitive to residents' needs and concerns while limiting the effect on the environment.
- A very important opportunity is being missed. Every effort should be made to enable a direct footpath/cycle path from the phase 2 section of the development to the primary school, surgery, Wickham Community Centre and then on to Mill Lane and the new recreation facilities rather than the circuitous route currently shown. This would also relieve the pressure and impact on the existing path and should help to discourage unnecessary use of cars for such a journey.
- Over the years there have been a number of reviews and analysis of the flooding problems and issues regarding surface drainage in Wickham. Residents nearby already experience problems in times of high rainfall and we have grave concerns that the proposed plans show limited acknowledgement of the impact additional housing will have on our already overloaded water systems, nor include solutions to ensure that the new development will not cause further problems for existing residents. We believe that consultation and significant working with Southern Water will be an essential part of taking forward the development to prevent additional water damage to existing housing.
- With the advent of this new development the 30 mile speed limit within the village should be extended to include the entrance of the site onto Winchester road.

Reluctantly, we have to accept that new housing is a necessary addition within our community, however we hope the above issues will be taken into account when building works proceed.

Yours sincerely

Brian Barrett  
Chairman of the Wickham Society

Chris Hoare  
Vice Chairman