

Causeway Farm, Petersfield



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No development @ Causeway Farm

The Causeway Farm Group announces plans to fight the upcoming planning application for at least 275 houses at Causeway Farm, Petersfield – one of the major so-called green fingers into Petersfield that should be protected by the AONB, South Downs National Park and the Petersfield Town Design Statement.

Spokesman Philip Haines said “In 2002 we successfully fought against the previous application, with the highest number of objections to any EHDC planning application. Most of the key reasons for refusal then still apply today, and are in fact strengthened by the fact that Causeway Farm will soon be part of the South Downs National Park.”

The Group also points out that the total land owned by developers, Phillips Build, at the site is 27 hectares (68 acres), rather than the 11.3 hectares under discussion in the development brief, and believes that there is evidence that the developers eventually wish to build over 500 houses on the site.

During the inquiry into the South Downs National Park Phillips Build argued that Causeway Farm should be excluded from the Park – an argument that was lost for good reason.

The group supports EHDC views in 2002 on the key reasons for not building at Causeway Farm which include:

- An undesirable extension of development beyond the built up area.
- An unacceptable major incursion into rural countryside.
- Unacceptable harm to a significant mature tree close to the site entrance and protected by a Preservation order.

Coupled with the above is the fact that a key central part of the site 1.5 hectares is not owned by the developers, but by resident householders.

Since 2002 various Inquiries have examined Causeway Farm and all have concluded that development is not needed here. In fact development of this scale is not needed in Petersfield at all, and most of these houses would be occupied by commuters.

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