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Good afternoon,

As a local homeowner in Romsey for the last 3 years and having spent 90% of those 3 years challenging further development planning applications along Cupernham Lane, please could I ask that my request be heard and acted upon.

Attached you will see an image of a map with a red box near the Romsey Barge Canal and the Fishlake Meadows SSSI, an area known as "Land North of Oxlease Meadows" or more locally as The Horse Fields. To date several larger applications to develop this land have already been declined and my hope is that based on this new Local Plan that previous decisions will continue to be adhered to and any future applications are not considered and immediately declined. Again, all applications have been refused including 21/02715/FULLS which was refused at SAPC (on Appeal, the Planning Inspector dismissed it under reference APP/C1760/W/22/3305787).

This location is outside the Settlement Boundary, and clearly Open Countryside and is also surrounded by areas that TVBC has deemed sites of importance for Nature Conservation. Further urban sprawl outside the Settlement Boundary into Open Countryside is not sustainable and most of the residents of new developments along Cupernham Lane continue to battle with developers and utility providers due to build quality issues, flooding, poor drainage, sewer issues, landscaping problems, congestion and relentless continued maintenance. This part of Romsey just can't cope with any more development without risking existing housing and more importantly the health and safety of the local community.

The Planning Inspector, R J Redford MTCP MRTPI in his decision made in July 2023 was very clear about this specific site, and its importance in relation to Nature Conservation hence it should not be considered under Policy BIO1 and should be hashed in dark green like surrounding areas.

Please remove this area within Policy BIO1 so it can continue to be an integral part of the surrounding sites of importance for Nature Conservation.

My comments are supported by The Parish Council, The Southern Area Planning Committee, Councillors, residents, users of the SSSI and other relevant Consultees including the Planning Inspector.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards

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