



28th March 2024

Dear Sirs

LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

I am writing to you as someone who farms two farms in Ampfield, Romsey. I am concerned about the proposals set out in the Local Plan and the volume of impact this will have on the surrounding countryside.

There are increasing concerns about food security and our ability to utilise farming land to maximise food production within the UK. Currently the UK imports too much food from overseas. The farming community are concerned about potential impacts on utilities, loss of habitat and food production due to over development. An example of this is Ganger Farm which previously grew soft fruits and vegetables and is now housing. Countryside needs protecting as it is critical to feeding the nation.

In Ampfield we have seen dramatic increases in traffic between our farms. We have also experienced increased incidents of fly-tipping.

There are other adequate options within the town centre, ie, the old brewery site.

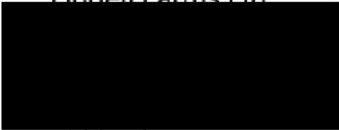
Equally there are substantial other locations in the UK which need regeneration to encourage people to live there.

The over-developing of areas is impacting the need for people being forced to travel to work due to inadequate employment land.

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Please accept this as our concerns of further over-development in what is a precious market town.

Yours faithfully
Liddell Farms Ltd



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