

Subject: Legal Campaign – Urgent

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Dear Member,

This email is an update on the time critical Rook Farm Developer's Appeal against the council's non-determination of Barratt's Planning Application for 300 homes on Rook Farm field located immediately behind St. Mary's Church, extending behind properties on Church Rd., St. Mary's Rd., the back of Fathoms Reach, and Manor Rd. Caravan and Camp sites. The only entry & exit for the site's 300 homes will be on St. Mary's Rd. then likely onto Church Rd. across from the Co-op. No-one can fail to understand that, if Barratt's Appeal succeeds, the impact will affect every one of us for years to come.

Our residents' team met with our legal team's solicitor and barrister yesterday and agreed details of our strategy. The legal work has begun. Our team continue to supply essential documents from months of work uncovering material information. Remember, none of us is paid to do this. We do it because it's the right thing to do. We know we have a strong case but we also know we need an excellent legal team to ensure that, at the June Inquiry, the Inspector hears and reads islanders' testimonies as well as the evidence.

We need your help now! This is how:

1. First huge thanks to all those of you whose donations have got us to a total £13180.00 44% of £30000. Since starting GoFundMe only 2 weeks ago we appointed [Leigh Day Solicitors](#) who won the Tournerbury case for residents against Havant Borough Council. Crucially we must appoint a barrister which will cost more. Without expert help at this highly formal, legalistic Inquiry we lay-people stand no chance. If you know ANY organisation/business relying on Langstone bridge & free flowing A3023 traffic through Hayling ask them to help us reach this sum.

Do all you can to spread the word, encouraging donations of all sizes. Attached are 2 posters for you to print, post (Church halls, clubs, premises) with QR codes for quick donations.

Let us know which poster attached you think is better to use and why – **but more importantly forward/print/post whichever one you wish urgently!**

Astonishingly many islanders don't even know about this campaign or the Development planned! Many are not on Facebook where Save Rook Farm and HIRA have already posted news.

2. If you wrote in your objections to Rook Farm before this Appeal PLEASE let me know. We need those individuals to give their account in writing or in person why we must prevent this development. Did you miss medical/dental/hospital appointments or lose work or school/college sessions on the mainland because of Hayling's A3023 gridlock &/or flooding? Are you a First Responder or

other emergency worker who experienced first hand the impacts of the bridge and A3023 on emergency services to & from the island? We need those concise real reports & any photos: they need to be consistent with any objection made before – so not just made up for the Inquiry. However 'experts' in e.g. emergency services can provide testimony/account of impacts which can be backed up by our known flooding & transport evidence. Accuracy is vital here. Please email me with subject: "Rook Inquiry" if you can help us also this way.

3. Venue: Inquiry runs June 23–25 & possibly 3 days maybe virtually the following week. The council has booked Havant Rugby Club. Hayling Councillors have relayed residents' frustration re accessibility issues with this venue. Matt Goodwin, Chief Executive Officer of Havant Borough Council, has clearly stated the basis for his decision & I've attached it below FYI. We're not pleased with this: islanders should have more ready access to the public elements of the Inquiry & not everyone has online/virtual access.

Over the coming week/s we absolutely need your help with our message and essential fund-raising.

Please take action today and stay involved – thank you!

Kind regards,

Anne

Please find [Houses Rising From Rook Farm](#) Member Chris Pearsall has taken an aerial view of Rook Farm, found similar number properties in a Havant 'new' (still being built over recent years) development and super-imposed them for our understanding.

— Attachments: —

CEO Decision re Inquiry Venue.docx	15.5 kB
Rook Farm Appeal Poster .pdf	252 kB
Appeal poster v2.pdf	4.1 MB