

Comments for Planning Application 15/00437/OBLN

Application Summary

Application Number: 15/00437/OBLN

Address: Land At East Anton Smannell Road Smannell Hampshire

Proposal: Modification of planning obligation for permission TVN.09258 to reduce affordable housing contribution on parcels S, B, O and Q from 40% to 30%

Case Officer: Mrs Laura McKay

Customer Details

Name: Mr Leonard Gates

Address: 1 Linton Drive, Andover, Hampshire SP10 3TT

Comment Details

Commenter Type: A Member of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Test Valley Borough Local Plan 2006

Comment: There is a national shortage of affordable housing which is currently being highlighted by the current NHF Homes for Britain campaign. Test Valleys own records show there are over 2200 local residents in housing need.

The key point in all of Test Valleys major development plans and approvals has been to provide an adequate amount of affordable housing for local people. The provision of 40% affordable housing is consistent with policy AND 01.1 and with the adopted Local Plan policy for affordable housing Policy ESN04. The proposal to reduce the affordable housing on East Anton by 10% is not policy compliant.

The councils objective should be to represent local interests and where required ensure adequate housing for local residents. The applicants agreed to this provision at the time of the original permission but have twice since tried to reduce their obligation. As a major builder they have the power and resources to adapt to changes in market and absorb any fluctuations in building costs. They should not now be allowed to reduce their legal obligations.