

Save our Countryside – Closing Date for Objections 1st April 2024



B&DBC have removed Skates Lane proposal from the draft Local Plan

“Skates Lane has not been proposed for allocation due to its inaccessibility and distance from facilities and impacts on settlement character, biodiversity, and heritage.” Cllr Andy Konieczko - Cabinet member for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure

We need you to know of the latest twists in the attempts by Bewley to destroy your Countryside. Side stepping the fact that after years of careful consideration Bewley proposals for Skates Lane have been removed from the draft Local Plan by B&DBC, they have now applied for Outline Planning permission for 245 dwellings plus a Convenience Store plus a major new road junction on the A340 together with a cycle track access to Church Road. The original plan was 260 dwellings; that objective would soon be back if they were to get permission for 245.

It is claimed that Tadley needs 945 new houses. This is not an assessment of need this is purely pro-rata of a top down national figure. And don't be fooled by the claims of low cost and social housing provision. Check out the price of what Bewley have recently been offering. You'll soon decide this will not satisfy any local need it will just draw in new population from outside the area. Will there be any increase in Doctors, Dentists, Pharmacists and all the other underlying services needed?

Who will be affected by this proposal? Because of the extra traffic and extra people it will affect residents and commuters from Tadley, Baughurst, Silchester, Ramsdell, Monk Sherborne, Sherborne St John, Little London and all the other surrounding villages. Because of the ribbon development on the A340 it is becoming one of the most dangerous roads in Hampshire. The proposed development is within the Outer Consultation Zone of AWE and therefore it must be considered if the Evacuation Plans and Emergency Service plans could cope with any AWE issues.

The road access will increase the risk of RTA's dramatically; in addition, school children will be severely put at risk. Even with the steel railing at the crossing by the Old Post office the damage is revealing.

The Ecology and Landscape of this area are unique even in the context of all the natural beauty of North East Hampshire. From the SSSI's of Pamber Forest and Bentley Green together with Ron Wards Meadow and Tadley Pastures. These are unique habitats in their own right but are also part of the corridors and networks that connect the Ecology from Ashford Hill Nature Reserve to Pamber Forest Nature Reserve. Additionally the site contains 2 SINCS, Ron Wards Meadow South and Skates Lane West and abuts the SINCS Moor Copse. The wildlife in this area is extremely rich but would be decimated by the construction period and then the establishment of a totally new village in the Countryside. It is estimated that the proposal would bring about 700 people, 500 cars, 80 cats and 70 dogs. The light and noise pollution and the predation would kill off or push out the Hazel Dormice, Water Voles, Hares, Badgers. The rare Barbastelle Bats have been recorded in the hedges would leave. That cannot be mitigated and managed on site. Goshawks would no longer frequent the fields and woodland and the owls, particularly Barn Owls, would be lost.

The plan would mean construction traffic and the main access road would be built over the Roman Portway. In the proposal no indication is given of the potential width of the Portway and its inner and outer drain structures. Therefore the indicative layout is absolutely meaningless. There is a possibility, albeit more unlikely, there are remains of Roman Villas, Cemetery or Barracks.

Finally, where is the Judges determination that the Covenant against building on the land has been removed?

This development would be in direct conflict with HCC Local Nature Recovery Strategy and B&DBC Biodiversity Strategy.

A haven for wildlife: Hares, Grey Partridge, Skylarks, Buzzards, Lapwings, Badgers, Hazel Dormice, Roe Deer, Fallow Deer, Water Voles, Stag Beetles, Song Thrush, Solomons Seal and a large numbers of other plants indicating Ancient Woodland to name a few.

The latest news Bewley ignores this and applied for Outline Planning Permission

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Please go to the planning website and make your objections known directly on the website. [24/00349/OUT | Outline planning application for up to 245 homes \(use class C3\); a Convenience Store \(use class E\); vehicular access from Aldermaston Road \(A340\), and the provision of cycle and pedestrian access, open space, landscaping, SuDS, and other associated infrastructure. All matters reserved except for access. | Land Off Skates Lane Pamber Green Hampshire \(basingstoke.gov.uk\)](#)



Caption: 2 Conservation Areas, 2 SINCS, 3 SSSI's, a number of Grade 2 and Grade 1 Heritage Assets together with the Nationally significant Asset the Roman Portway with unknown potential of Roman Villa, Cemetery and or barracks.