

# TITCHFIELD HAVEN IS UNDER THREAT

A proposed development of up to 160 new homes on land immediately adjacent to the Nature Reserve has the potential to cause  
**PERMANENT & IRREVERSIBLE DAMAGE**  
to the long term sustainability of the Titchfield Haven National Nature Reserve.

- This land is designated Countryside and is the Buffer Zone between existing homes and the Internationally important Titchfield Haven National Nature Reserve.
- It has been the feeding ground for in excess of 500 over-wintering Brent and Canada Geese, whose other feeding grounds elsewhere in the area, less well protected, are increasingly under pressure from development.
- An important year round feeding ground for many other birds including Marsh Harriers, Merlins and Owls, nested in by Skylarks and used daily by Deer, Badgers and Foxes.
- A rich habitat for Amphibians, Reptiles, Small Mammals and Insects, crucial to the food chain for Bats and all Birds in the Reserve.
- Development will inevitably create increased light pollution around the Titchfield Haven National Nature Reserve.
- There will be the added threat of increased human disturbance and predation by domestic animals.
- It lies within the “Meon Strategic Gap”, an area intended to be free of development to protect this internationally important chalk river and surrounding landscape.
- The area is outside the “ Defined Urban Settlement Boundary”, a measure designed to protect important green spaces, but this is not preventing an application to build a high density development in this hugely environmentally sensitive area.

**IF THIS DEVELOPMENT GOES AHEAD, THE DOOR IS OPENED FOR THE  
FUTURE LARGE SCALE DEVELOPMENT OF ALL THE LAND  
IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO THE EASTERN BORDER OF TITCHFIELD  
HAVEN NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE.**

**PERMISSION WOULD RENDER MEANINGLESS ALL EXISTING  
ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING PROTECTION FOR THE MANY SPECIAL  
PLACES IN THIS AREA.**

*have your say*

**BEFORE THE DEADLINE ON JANUARY 12TH**

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