

FOURMARKS SOUTH – OBJECT

The development here in Four Marks South is unacceptable on a number of levels. It comprises a complex mix of five Developers who have acquired a mixed parcels of Farm Land and Back Land to extend Four Marks considerably South towards the South Downs National Park. The A31 in Four Marks has already taken substantial additional traffic at peak hours following the uncontrolled development in recent years without any significant improvements. It is limited to a Single Lane with extensive 30mph speed limitations and this development has no direct access to that road, but will add considerable additional traffic to that main road.

The development will rely completely on existing residential side roads including primarily Alton Lane and then smaller arterial roads of Lymington Bottom and Gradwell Lane to the South and Telegraph Lane to the North. All of these Lane have already taken historical development, which already result in traffic congestion whilst waiting to access the A31.

The plan for this site offers no additional Travel options or integrated travel plans. It relies on existing Public Rights of Way for foot traffic to access limited local facilities and has no plans to expand or improve them. The plan has no access to mainline Rail and relies completely on the existing compromised Shop and Leisure facilities from years of uncontrolled development. The proposal offers very limited employment opportunities and can only be seen as a dormitory location adding traffic to an already busy road network.

Four Marks South development seeks to provide a replacement Primary School for the existing Four Marks C.E which is located at the corner of Hawthorn Road and Kitwood Road. Whilst not centrally located, Hampshire County Council have recently committed development funds to expand the school to ensure that it meets the needs of the historically uncontrolled development. Relocation of the school may make sense at a transport level but is a gross waste of public funds as delivery of the proposed school is at the end of the scheme, clearly following completion of HCC current proposals scheduled for post Summer 2020. The proposed location of the new School will add considerable traffic to the North of Four Marks and making the A31 / Telegraph Lane junction. With no planned footpaths to avoid traffic congestion from the proposed development, the school will only generate additional car journeys.

The site is nothing more than an opportunist punt to build Houses without the detailed considerations other sites within this consultation have taken to mitigate the issues. This site should be considered wholly unsustainable and be dismissed immediately.