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Dear Supporter

More good news! The application to build 9 houses on the Donkey Field has been withdrawn.

As had been widely anticipated Eton's agents have withdrawn their application to build 9 houses on the Donkey Field.

The threat of an appeal on the Farmers Field or a further application on either site, especially using a different site access route, of course remains and we will remain vigilant.

A consequence of the withdrawal of the Donkey Field application is that, unlike the application on the Farmers Field which was refused, no thoughts or comments by the Local Planning Authority (LPA) will be on record. In anticipation of a withdrawal we made Freedom of Information requests to the Isle of Wight Council which have disclosed the LPA's views on the application as it stood. They are contained in e-mails to Eton's agents from the LPA dated 4 and 23 November 2021 and can be summarised as follows:-

- *Fundamental concerns relating to highways*
- *Fundamental concerns relating to ecology matters*
- *Concerns over the design of the development*
- *The 9 proposed units do not appear to coherently relate to each other by combining large scale houses with bungalows*
- *Concerns over the mass of the development which appears visually to be an overdevelopment of the site*
- *Concerns about Public Rights of Way*
- *Concerns about the impact of the proposed access route on the adjacent significant trees*

The LPA informed Eton's agents by e-mails on the dates above of their intention to recommend refusal of the application.

A big 'thank you' to all our supporters for all your hard work in communicating to the Isle of Wight Council and the LPA the strength of your opposition to both developments and also for your generous contributions towards savethedonkeyfields.co.uk's costs to date.

We will remain both vigilant and in touch, with our objective being to secure the long term undeveloped future of both fields.