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Dear Cllr Pearce -- via email

Re: Open Letter: Hayling Island – Amenity Site Planned Closure

Many residents in my ward have expressed their deep concern over the plans to close our Amenity Site in Fishery Lane. Indeed, I was speaking to a resident in Selsmore Avenue today, who does not drive and who wheels her material to the Amenity Site; she explained to me that she does not know how she will cope once the Amenity Site is closed.

The demographics of Hayling Island are such that we have a disproportionately elderly population on the Island and who probably also pay disproportionately more Council Tax than average. Furthermore, closure of our Amenity Site will increase car pollution, adversely affect recycling rates, increase anti-social bonfires and inevitably result in far more fly-tipping. Our roads already suffer traffic jams and with drivers being turned away at the Havant Amenity Site, what are residents to do?

I am therefore writing to ask you to speak, negotiate and influence your party colleagues to reverse the planned closure of our Amenity Site.

By copy to your party councillors on Hayling Island, I also formally request that they too discuss, debate and convince their party colleagues to also reverse the threat of closure.

I see we have two outcomes; either you are able to convince your party decision makers that the Amenity Site is required, and it stays open: or your party colleagues convince you that the Amenity site is not needed and it gets shut as planned. We Islanders are relying on you as a team to be successful in your discussions.

Yours sincerely

Cllr John Perry
Councillor – Hayling Island

cc Cllr Lenaghan, Cllr Pierce-Jones, Cllr Satchwell, Cllr Turner, Cllr Wilson. J Travis

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