

Comments for Planning Application APP/24/01010

Application Summary

Application Number: APP/24/01010

Address: Interbridges Site, New Brighton Road, Emsworth

Proposal: Proposed employment development, with associated access, parking, yards and landscaping
Classes B2 (General Industry), B8 (storage & distribution) and Class Ec-g.

Case Officer: David Eaves

Customer Details

Name: Not Available

Address: Not Available

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Complainant

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I was astonished to find that this latest planning application for the Interbridges East site does not include provision of a signal-controlled junction with New Brighton Road (NBR), including a pedestrian or Toucan crossing of NBR itself. Provision of a signal-controlled junction was part of the previous successful application at this site; from the Design and Access statement:

The proposed traffic signalised access onto New Brighton Road will incorporate a pedestrian crossing, increasing safety for the pedestrians and both better and safer access Emsworth railway station, this will also enhance the safety to employees working in the proposed development.

It was recognised then that, without a signal-controlled junction, development of the site would have a deleterious effect on safety. With the growth in traffic, the safety issues have only got worse. These issues include:

- pedestrians needing to cross NBR to access the railway station, including people who cannot move rapidly when an opportunity arises (the current 'uncontrolled crossing' is of no help whatsoever)
- a very poor sightline through the railway bridge
- regular flooding under the railway, with vehicles and cyclists forced into the centre of the road
- endemic speeding - the highway engineering of NBR downhill from the Horndean Road junction encourages acceleration; the traffic survey accompanying this application shows that 46% of southbound vehicles are exceeding 30mph as they pass under the A27 bridge.