

In rather less enlightened times outline planning was granted for building on this green field the buildings were to be a fraction of the size of those in the current proposal.

The beauty of the Emsworth foreshore when viewed from Chichester Harbour is the mix of different architecture combined with open green spaces and many trees.

It seems totally inappropriate to build four very large identical buildings on a meadow that goes down to the edge of the Harbour, which is known to be an important site for wild life and a SSSI.

The plans that I had sight of, indicated that the floor levels of the two houses closest to the harbour would be 2 meters above the existing field which would result in the floor levels being a meter higher than the existing post and rail fence at the southern end of the garden. The elevations shown in the application from the south are rather disingenuous as they show people standing on the patio. If the figures were standing in the existing field the top of their heads would be level with the top of the steps!

The artist impression from the south does not portray the fact that steps would rise up 6 feet so it may be that the plans have changed, however I could not find any reference in the application as to how high the floor levels would be above the existing meadow.

If the floors were to be raised by 6ft the already very large buildings would appear to be sitting on huge blocks when viewed from the Harbour or the footpath, which is really not appropriate when you consider the location.

The application includes a very substantial document about flood risks. The report rather trivialises the dangers of flooding. In reality the plot on the south western part of the meadow floods fairly regularly. The field faces the entrance to Chichester Harbour, so with a big tide and a southerly gale large waves roll up the harbour and break over the sea wall. See attached pictures.

If sea levels are going to rise it does not seem a sensible site to build a new house.



Picture shows waves breaking into the field where the development is proposed at 46 Warblington Road, Emsworth

