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Dear Sir/Madam,

Neighbouring Authority Consultation

Proposal: APP/18/00672 - Erection of 46no. dwellings with associated parking, access from Westwood Close, diversion of Havant Footpath 73, landscaping and surface water drainage. Felling and works to trees within Area A1, subject to TPO 2071
Address: Land Off Westwood Close, Emsworth

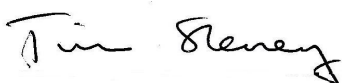
Thank you for your correspondence received 26 September 2018, consulting us as a neighbouring authority on the above noted development proposals.

The National Park's comments on the development are as follows:

We note that the site is identified as a potential housing allocation for 35 dwellings as part of the consultation on the emerging Havant Borough Local Plan 2036, although we understand the Local Plan has not yet reached submission stage. We would also draw attention to the Westbourne Neighbourhood Plan, which is at an advanced stage and which seeks to retain the open gap between Emsworth and Southbourne, including the land to the immediate east of this applicaiton site, on the other side of the County boundary.

The proposals include diversion of the footpath running through the site. This forms part of the Sussex Border Path, linking into other public rights of way within the the South Downs National Park as well as providing a connection between the SDNP and Chichester Harbour AONB. The SDNPA would have no objection to the principle of diversion of this route but (in order to encourage access into the National Park by means other than the private car) would encourage a replacement route to be of a higher quality of provision, including offside improvements if the LPA considers this appropriate.

Yours faithfully



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