

I am deeply concerned by this proposed housing development in Long Copse Lane, between Emsworth and Westbourne. Living nearby in the Hollybank area, and having occasionally used the lane, it is obvious that the proposed development would cause complete disruption to the area in terms of unacceptable increase in traffic flow at both ends of the lane. This would adversely impact current residents and make access to Hollybank woods by pedestrians and particularly horse riders extremely dangerous - after all the lane is a lane not a road!

Equally concerning would be the widespread destruction of trees and wildlife habitat along and in the vicinity of the lane, which would obviously be necessary for this housing development to go ahead.

Also, there appears to be no mention of roundabouts which would obviously be needed at both ends of the lane for safe traffic management and all that would involve, nor the overcoming of the additional burden that would be placed on local services (schools, GP practices, sewage treatment etc) by a development of this magnitude.

The Lane is clearly in an area of natural beauty that is an integral part of Havant. Erasing that beauty simply to cram in more housing to meet a government quota would be criminal when clearly there are other more suitable areas for development. Anyone using the lane (on foot or by car) would realise the impracticality of the proposed development, which Havant Council should do everything possible to reject.