

Dear Sir,

As a local Emsworth resident I would like to register my objection to the proposed building of approx. 2100 houses in Long Copse lane.

Here are my objection points:

- This would result in An extra 500+ vehicle movements per day including light and heavy goods vehicles. The development is too far from local services that car journeys will be the only way to travel to and from school. This will make Long Copse lane unusable for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders. The lane has poor visibility at many points and has no footpaths. Even by widening at the Western end it cannot accommodate any more traffic.
- Increased commuter traffic flowing in all directions causing even more congestion, particularly in Westbourne and Emsworth. The roads are busy enough as they are without adding to the problem. This will cause greater hazards for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Extra traffic will be intolerable for Westbourne residents. There are no plans to improve parking and traffic flow in the village, yet it will become the nearest centre for shopping, pubs and restaurants.
- Emsworth and Westbourne schools and medical services will be overloaded.
- The waste water from this site would flow to Thornham water treatment plant, causing it to exceed its capacity. This will significantly increase the risk of additional pollution flowing directly into Chichester Harbour.
- The character of the lane would be changed forever, devastating its local environment, its wildlife habitats and flora and disturbing the sensitive rare bats found on the lane. Its proximity to the River Ems, the wildlife corridor between Chichester Harbour and woodlands to the north (Hollybank Woods and Southleigh Forest) will be significantly impacted.
- Havant Borough Council commissioned an independent study which concluded that this site should NOT be taken forward for development. The study covered many factors, including proximity to woodland, location vs services, biodiversity sensitivity etc. The Borough is now choosing to ignore the report as it pointlessly struggles to meet unattainable housing numbers.

Regards