

I wish to object to this proposed development.

Adverse impact on wildlife. A mystery arson attack on a rare bat roost on the land in question in March 2018 was reported in the Daily Telegraph 6/5/18. This was particularly interesting as it occurred during one of the wettest seasons on record. The wildlife is protected by statute.

It will ruin the rural nature of this lane and result in a significant change to the sense of place which we enjoy. I have lived in Emsworth for over 30 years. I have lived in my current house for over eight years. We bought our house as it was in a semi rural position - if we had wanted to live surrounded by housing estates, we would have bought elsewhere.

Drainage. Pollution water, sewage and light.

Long Copse Lane frequently floods. Development will no doubt increase run-off. Where will sewage be processed? Prinsted/ Thorney waste water plant is at capacity - it regularly discharges raw sewage into the harbour. The waters of Chichester Harbour (AOANB) and the Solent are the subject of national scrutiny. You have already allowed a very large development at Hampshire Farm seven years ago. (260 + dwellings).

The development is unsustainable due to access problems for hundreds of extra vehicles impacting on existing residents - for example exiting Churchill Drive and also at the southern end of Hollybank Lane. The junction of this lane with Southleigh Road is already narrow and is more problematic with cars parking to allow people to use the recreation playing fields.

Cycle access to roads in the area, especially increasing numbers due to the proposed development will be very problematic due to the increase in vehicular traffic and no possibility of safe cycle tracks - this is a small rural lane. Hollybank Lane is not much better - especially at the north and south extremities.

Sustainability

The shop (COOP) on Southleigh Road is always causing congestion, cars parked immediately outside the shop (there is a large marked Hampshire Fire Service vehicle that parks there - sometimes partially on the pavement) with room only for one way traffic resulting.

Too many dwellings already over using facilities. Recycling facilities for glassware at the recreation ground, adjacent to the pavilion are frequently over used with glass bottles overflowing creating a hazard for children and pets.

This is a totally inappropriate proposal. I strongly object to it.