

APP/18?00672 Land off Westwood Close, Emsworth.

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Dear Sirs,

I am writing to raise objection to the proposed development of the land off Westwood Close. This erosion of open green spaces in Hampshire and West Sussex is frightening. Looking at the picture as a whole – despite the 'local plan' being a long term to 2036 proposal, every area is being built on now or in the next year or two. Aside from the reduction in wild life habitat, there would be an increased risk to flooding, river pollution, increased traffic onto small roads not designed for heavy traffic use, reduction in green space for leisure at a time when we should be encouraging people to take more exercise, and many other negative points. This application is as unwelcome as the proposed development in Long Copse Lane. Perhaps if that were for 26 houses, there wouldn't be such uproar, but 260. More loss of green spaces, horse fields, wild life habitat, increasing the risk of flooding in the Winter to properties South of the area, and increasing the risk of water shortages in the Summer. Long Copse Lane is a narrow single track road, so if each home has one car (and most these days have two) there would be a huge increase in traffic along Long Copse Lane, Hollybank Road, Southleigh Road, and through Westbourne.

Please reconsider your options before we lose these two areas of green space for good – put Nature before greed for income from more housing, or many of the people who currently live in the area and pay council tax, will be looking to up sticks and move away altogether.

Yours Faithfully,

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