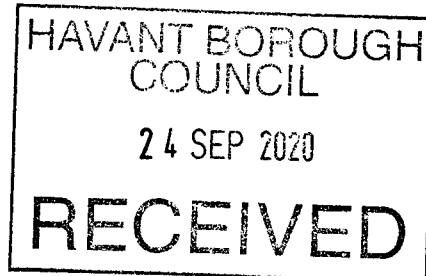




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Dear Mrs. Haywood,

COMMENT RE: APP/20/00376 – Revision of 4 September 2020

To increase the total number of proposed buildings from 7 to 10

Fowley Cottage, 46 Warblington Road, Emsworth, PO10 7HH Development

We have written and submitted comments about this repeated proposal several times. It is difficult to keep up with the layer upon layer upon layer of local and national applications and appeals.

BTW, this current application/revision has had NO NOTICE placed on the property. Instead, we neighbours ourselves have erected a notice on the Curlew Close sign, so that the general public is aware and able to comment.

We must object to the 4 September 2020 application/revision – while the appeal to the Secretary of State is still in process, and, as yet UNDECIDED, according to the government website – to increase the number of proposed buildings from 7 to 9 + garden studio?

Our comments have mainly focussed on the lack of parking for this growing number of proposed buildings in the Fowley Cottage estate.

AND

The serious traffic hazards that will result in Warblington Road and Curlew Close during construction and once these 10 buildings are occupied by people and up to 3 vehicles per dwelling.

The Traffic Team comments, which the application said were incomplete when I checked today, indicated that there should be provision for 3 vehicles to park in the grounds of each of the 9+ properties – which, the team noted, were not in evidence in the plans.

Curlew Close is a single-lane private road – with no footpath – already providing vehicle access for 5 homes: 1, 2, 3 Curlew Close plus 54 and 56 Warblington Road. This proposal now seeks access in this tiny private Curlew Close lane for SEVEN+ additional buildings.

Using the Traffic Team estimates, that would be 3 vehicles for each of the existing 5 users (15), plus 3 vehicles for each of the 7 new homes and studio (commercial?), adding a further 24 vehicles – for a total of 15 + 24 or 39 VEHICLES—in and out of a single-lane private road: Curlew Close. Surely, this is a recipe for disaster, as well as a recipe for intolerable levels of constant noise and pollution.

Two of the proposed dwellings would sit directly at the immediate entrance of Curlew Close, just a stone's throw off the heavily trafficked Warblington Road. Both of these dwellings – if such a number are to be allowed – should have access via the existing Fowley Cottage private road for the safety of vehicles and pedestrians – not via Curlew Close.

Further, the tiny one-lane Curlew Close sits at the bend in the middle of the very busy Warblington Road, where drivers in opposing directions find it difficult to see each other approaching the bend. This is a VERY DANGEROUS JUNCTION with current levels of traffic and driver tempers, leading to episodes of extreme speed as a result of frustration.

With current heavy construction work at 43 Warblington Road – just across from Curlew Close – this bend is daily filled with large trucks, diggers, cement lorries, cranes, vans, cars and skip hire vehicles – which PARK ILLEGALLY ON THE PAVEMENTS, PREVENTING USE BY ELDERLY, DISABLED, AND FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN, WHO ARE FORCED TO WALK IN THE ACTUAL WARBLINGTON ROAD.

Warblington Road provides access to Chichester Harbour for the whole of Emsworth. It is frequently totally parked up from end to end with vehicles bringing walkers, dog walkers, sailors, fishing boaters, canoers, wind surfers, kayakers, swimmers, bicyclers, etc.

This use of the narrow, 2-lane residential Warblington Road is to be encouraged, not destroyed by adding 30 vehicles of the potential 9 dwellings plus studio proposed. Both ends of Warblington Road are difficult – one is a single lane entry/exit to the extremely busy A259 – a main road between Havant and Chichester. The other end has the extremely highly-travelled junction with Beach Road, which is also solidly parked full by those seeking access to free local recreation in and by Chichester Harbour, as well.

We must object totally to the current Fowley Cottage development plan.

