

13th August 2018.

Ret: - APP/18/00672 Land off Westbourne Close, Emsworth

Dear Mrs. Haywood,

I was horrified to hear yet again that this land is up for planning permission. The flooding risk is now much higher than it was before.

Mr. John Barker, the new owner of Mill Farm, has diverted most of the Mill Stream by placing a sluice on it's East Bank just 450 yards after passing under Westbourne Road. This adds a considerable volume of water straight back into the River Ems. The use of a SUDS on this site is a further worry as the winter water table is only 40 cm below the surface + nowhere else for the water to go.

We already have a farming pollution problem in the Ems + houses on this site will only add to this causing the death of fish like Salmon, Trout, Roach + Stickbacks + other Animals that drink the water. We still have a few Water Voles which would then be at risk.

I am told that the H.B.C.'s draft local plan has identified sufficient sites to meet its housing requirement. So this could be reached without this site.

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I have seen over the 45 years I've lived at the Mill, and been walking dogs, how many people of all ages use this field for walking and running & children playing. It's often used as a circular tour returning via Mill Lane & then usually continuing into Brook Meadow to finish a perfect Country Walk without using a car. As the site meets all the criteria to become a designated green space I feel it should be protected for the future enjoyment and health of the Emsworth and Westbourne People. I will also save the Council Planning Department a lot of valuable time and money in the future once this site is designated.

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