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Dear Ms Wells,

Planning application APP/21/01376. Land adjacent to 54, Long Copse Lane Emsworth.

I strongly object to this planning application for the reasons set out below.

A planning application to develop this site was rejected in 1988 both by HBC and the planning inspector. The main reason was the concern regarding “ devaluing the character and appearance of the locality”. Although the World has changed greatly since that time those fundamental values have an increased importance today.

The building of 9 houses is entirely out of keeping with the current houses on the southern border of LCL and indeed could be built elsewhere (K5)

Mental health within a community is now an important issue. Long Copse Lane (LCL) is now clearly an amenity used as such by walkers ,cyclists, horse riders and dog walkers.

The proposed development area is a green field and is a designated SINC site. The Government has recently said that house building should not occur on green field sites and indeed this particular area in question should be protected. Building on this site will also lead to the destruction of trees and hedges. A further degradation of our local environment.

The site is isolated and access to services would have to be by car. There are already traffic concerns in this narrow Lane with pinch points where vehicles are often in conflict. The road surface is wearing away and large pot holes are developing. These issues will get worse if the application is successful. There are also a very limited visitor parking spaces in the development which will inevitable lead to parking on the Lane itself causing potential safety concerns.

Heavy construction traffic and the need for parking of all sorts of vehicles concerned in the construction would not only cause chaos but will further damage the road surface, verges and trees in the Lane and by its nature would be a safety hazard. All inappropriate in a narrow lane.

Storm and foul water drainage would be in the hands of a water company unable to cope with its present demands and would lead inevitably to further pollution of Chichester Harbour.

Recent surveys have shown the presence of several species of rare Bats in the area of the site. HBC has an important responsibility to protect these species in terms of where they roost and forage. Protection measures so far put forward do not seem to be as robust as to discharge their duty of care for these creatures.

The development of this site would lead to a substantial adverse affect on the local environment including its wildlife and should be rejected.

Yours sincerely,

