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FAO. The Chief Planning Officer

Dear Sir / Madam

Emsworth Recreation Ground, New Brighton Road

Proposal to site a shipping container as storage for a period of 10 yrs at Emsworth Recreation Grounds.

The proposal to site a shipping container at Emsworth Recreation Ground for a period of 10 yrs to store equipment for the community keep fit classes is a potential disaster.

Is a shipping container the right storage unit for this site?

No.

How big will the container be?

What colour will it be?

How much equipment needs to be stored by the community keep fit classes?

I cannot believe that a huge shipping container is needed.

This suggests the unit will be used as storage by various other people/ organisations and the Council.

It will be a conspicuous eyesore on what is a beautiful space of open green land which is scarce enough already in Emsworth. It is the site for cricket matches and football and rugby games and other community events.

It will attract vandals for adding graffiti to all its sides and then every other building nearby.

It will deteriorate during the period of 10 yrs. who will maintain it?

It will be broken into and all the equipment stolen or vandalised.

It will stop the piece of land used for it to be used in some other way.

It will be a place to hide behind, to drug deal, use drugs and / or alcohol.

It will be on site for 10 yrs and who can tell what priorities there will be for the site.

Surely there are other possibilities which could be considered?

What about small simple storage units adjacent to the brick building which already houses the machinery for maintenance of the park?

To allow the siting of the storage unit for 10 yrs shows a total lack of forward planning.

Why is the Council not able to provide an alternative solution which would not constitute a long standing eyesore for residents overlooking this the park and the many, many, many users of the park.

I would urge the Council to refuse the application and instead look in to more eco friendly ways of providing the storage.

