

28th April 2021

Harant Council's Development Committee -

Dear Sirs -

I am writing - possibly rather late - to register my concern over the Council's planning programme for Fowley Cottage in Warbington Road Ensworth, PO10 7HH. I understand that the co-owner of the property, Mr. Charles Glanville, was wanting to build 8 houses on the plot, plus a studio dwelling whilst retaining the original house itself - but that the planning officers are insisting that this is not enough and are recommending that twenty new houses should be built there which would be totally out of character in the surrounding area - I cannot help feeling that with the ENORMOUS number of houses that we have built in our area over the last few years we must have more than fulfilled our obligation to the government's policy and I ~~can't help~~ question whether, perhaps, the council is being "greedy" in insisting on more houses on Mr. Glanville's property. I believe for every house built, the council is paid a very nice sum - That is all very well, but for those of us living in the area it is very important that this lovely village remains just that - a lovely place to live - Warbington Road is an attractive residential area and we would

like it to remain that way. The walk along the foreshore is delightful and we don't want it spoiled by a high density commercial development which would be totally out of keeping with the area.

Before we have any more houses crammed in, we have to consider the effect the extra traffic will have on our roads. The extra sewage and waste water on our waste system which we understand is already struggling to cope so that the water in the inlet there is frequently sub-standard now, making bathing a dangerous pastime - As far as I know there are no new schools planned for our area nor any youth activity projects, so what are young people and teenagers going to do? They will likely become a problem and cause trouble as a result of inactivity and boredom. The town itself will have difficulty accommodating many more people and the roads, as they are definitely cannot cope with all the extra cars. Yes, Thank Heaven, we are soon to have a new Doctors' Surgery, but Queen Alexandra's hospital was already struggling to cope with all its patients even before the Covid pandemic started. If we must have more houses, surely we must have the infrastructure and facilities in place first. But, to go back to my former point, I think we have done enough. Emsworth is a lovely

place but it is in danger of being swamped and ruined - enough is ENOUGH!

Please will you reconsider - and, just one more point - with global warming we are told the seas are bound to rise, so what sense is there in building a whole lot of new homes at or only just above the present water level?

I am sure there are many others living in the Emsworth area who feel the same way ~~that~~ I do. We love our village and we hate this 'ribbon development' all along the south coast from Southampton through to Brighton and beyond and we want to maintain our unique separate communities. We are not averse to a few new houses here and there but we really do not want to be overrun with big commercial housing-schemes especially those that are simply not in keeping with the surrounding area. So please would you reconsider and give permission to Mr Charles Glanville to go ahead with his smaller, much more acceptable project. Thank you!

Yours sincerely

HAVANT BOROUGH
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