

Comments for Planning Application APP/18/00672

Application Summary

Application Number: APP/18/00672

Address: Land off Westwood Close, Emsworth

Proposal: Erection of 46no. dwellings with associated parking, access from Westwood Close, diversion of Havant Footpath 73, landscaping and surface water drainage. Felling and works to trees within Area A1, subject to TPO 2071.

Case Officer: Daphney Haywood

Customer Details



Comment Details

Commenter Type: Complainant

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment:

The material effect of the loss of a key footpath. This site contains a historic footpath which is one of the few remaining open field walks left in Emsworth. This is a field route that is regularly used by myself, friends.

The area is a natural soakaway and in the winter is often waterlogged. A survey carried out during Jan and Feb 2018 showed the water table 0.4m below ground level. The field is at risk of flooding a Havant Borough Council rejected an application on this site in 2013. Nothing has changed to reduce the risk of flooding since then.

This site is an important green corridor running very close to the river Ems.

There is concern regarding pollution going into the river Ems both from the proposed building works and the houses that would be sited there in the long term.

There would be loss of habitat for local wildlife. This site is in a Bechstein's bat Area. There are in total four species of bat living in this area and this development would seriously impact their habitat.

Building on this site will change the character of the area and will effectively join together Emsworth and Westbourne

The proposed 116 car parking spaces would lead to increased traffic in Westbourne Avenue, Wickor Way and New Brighton Road

The site is not required for housing as new home supply exceeds the need requirement of the local plan.