

I am writing to object to the planned housing (Ref: APP/1800672) on grazing land and water meadow between Westbourne and Emsworth at Westwood Close.

There are many reasons that I feel so strongly about saving this field (which I will list below). But the principal one I feel is that Havant Council has achieved its quota of housing and has a buffer of 200 houses for the Local Plan. These houses fulfil no other purpose other than to destroy another piece of countryside.

So, I would like to see Policy H10 to be removed and for the field to be added to Policy E4 as a new 'Local Green Space'.

The other reasons why I would like to see this land saved are:

It goes against national and local planning policies to protect and enhance Green Infrastructure and Ecosystems and will damage attempts to maintain a green corridor between the South Downs National Park and Brook Meadow Nature Reserve.

After a wet spell of weather many parts of the field are turned into a mud bath (see attached photo). Building houses on potentially flood prone land is irresponsible.

If the houses are built the fragile eco-system of the chalk stream (River Ems) will be prone to pollution from run-off rain water. It will impact both on the River Ems water quality to Chichester Harbour and planned regeneration of the River Ems as a chalk stream

The ancient footpath running through the field has been used for many years as a pleasant walk to Emsworth/Westbourne and I would like it and the green space to be kept this way for future generations.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours faithfully,

