

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 and neighbours as well as ramblers, dog walkers and joggers.

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 which I believe would make it unsuitable for housing. 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 and the site is only a few feet from flood 2 and 3 zones.

The area is home to four species of bat, two of which are endangered and which feed above the hedgerows which will be removed. It's also home to owls and other birds of prey.

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.

