

Planning application APP/18/00672

There are so many reasons as to why the proposed development on the field to the east of Westbourne Avenue should be refused that I really do not know where to start.

The River Ems is close at hand and this land forms part of the natural soakaway during wet weather. As such it is not suitable foundation for homes or any other building as it is liable to flood.

It is a popular recreation area for walking and exercise and is an appropriate site for designated green space.

The field has greenery and hedging which supports wildlife including, I understand four species of bat, two of which are endangered.

If houses were to be built on this land there would be a risk of polluting the river which at this time supports its own wildlife including voles and salmon.

Then there is the road problem - the roads in the area are already congested with many in poor condition due to last years very wet winter and the heavy traffic. Any houses on this site would further contribute to an already overcrowded road system, unless of course there are plans to upgrade the roads in this area.

I understand that Havant Borough Council's draft Local plan has identified sufficient sites to meet their housing requirement and that this site is not included in that plan for housing.

I earnestly request that this planning application is refused

