

I feel that I have to write to say how saddened I am to see that you wish to build houses on one of our most popular country walks in our area. The road is very narrow and one can hardly see how it could possibly accommodate the extra traffic that would ensue from this development.

The field is notorious for flooding and we have all seen what happens to houses in the winter in areas where flooding is known to occur. Also Havant BC rejected a planning application on this site in 2013 on the grounds of the risk of flooding – nothing has changed since. If anything, with climate change that we are now experiencing, the risk of flooding could be incredibly worse.

Also the effect on wild life would be damaging and irreversible. The area is home to species of bats, some of which are endangered and once gone will never return. When my son was little and we were on one of our regular long walks along Long Copse Lane, one afternoon we were blessed by seeing a deer and her very young fawn within a few feet of us who just stopped and looked us for quite some time, we of course remained very still. It's a memory that has stayed with both of us. This only emphasizes what treasure we will lose.

We have become a world where people and wildlife no longer matter just profit and greed, and also because the authorities have the power to exercise over the people – so they do.

