



Dear Sir,

APP/18/00762 Land off Westwood Close, Emsworth.

We write to strongly object about the development plan for the following reasons:

Amenity Space: This site is the last remaining green site between Emsworth and Westbourne. It is used as a green space by walkers, ramblers, dog walkers etc. and has a public right of way/footpath, much used as a recreational site by many families.

Sussex Way Footpath: The proposal plan shows this being offset and a new path being created in the eastern side which, during the Winter, is constantly boggy/flooded and is **unwalkable**. If the footpath location change IS consented, then duckboards would be required to maintain a walkable path during the winter.

Flooding: This area is a designated flood area and in 2013 a planning application on this site was rejected. Nothing has changed, and with the onset of global warming, far wetter winters – hotter summers, makes this site unsuitable for housing development.

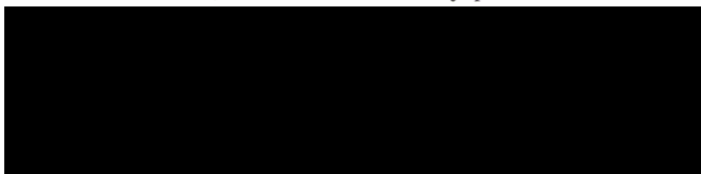
Access: We have a permanent Right of Way Access into the field which has been in existence for more than 30 years, as have many of our neighbours, and this is not showing on the Developers Plan. This needs to be corrected.

Natural wild life: This has been a natural habitat for many species of wild life and in particular slow-worms, hedgehogs, bats, frogs and newts, together with many Species of birds. The proposed development would totally destroy this habitat.

Remaining field/flood zone: The narrowness of the remaining strip of undeveloped land would lead to conflict between the walkers and grazing cattle.

Parking and Cars: Please note that on-street parking on Westbourne Avenue and Westwood Close is now a major issue/hazard in trying to access our properties and an increase in car movements will only exacerbate this to a dangerous level.

Infrastructure: Despite developers considerations to cope with additional 46 house requirements in medical/school facilities – they have NOT considered the impact of the additional 2,000 houses already planned or under construction in Emsworth.



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