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Ref: Objection to the proposal for 90 houses to be built on the Horsefield in Emsworth

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Dear team

I am writing to object to the above proposed development. As a resident of Westbourne since 1990 we have seen a great number of building developments taking place during the last decade or so. A large development was completed off Redlands Lane in Westbourne and also more recently another large development of numerous houses at the corner of Southleigh/ New Brighton Road. Subsequently there has been an exponential increase in traffic using local roads plus a greater number of people using local services and school and shops without any increase being provided in the existing infrastructure.

Therefore to build further houses on the Horsefield site generating even more of the above - extra people and cars (often 2 cars per household) the situation would be devastating not least because this area lies within an AONB. It is currently protected by law with major development being refused unless there are exceptional circumstances or in the public interest and no such evidence has been provided to support these last 2 conditions. Rather Havant Borough Council has a legal duty to further the conservation and enhancement of this special landscape. If protected land is allocated for building purposes without the national test being met then the same reasoning becomes available for other protected sites across the borough in what would seem to be a thoughtless and reckless policy damaging that environment forever. It would quite literally open the floodgates to building houses where land is prone to being marshy or flooded lying as it does within Chichester Harbour and Hayling Island making it both unviable and unsustainable and frankly not needed.

Without counting all the practical considerations that wouldn't favour development on the Horsefield site it provides a very necessary 'green lung' area where fauna and flora can thrive and that in itself bestows health benefits on all the people who are familiar with this area and enjoy the beauty that it offers. Emsworth cannot afford to lose this wonderful space!

Yours sincerely

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