## Comment for planning application WSCC/004/20

Application number	WSCC/004/20
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Address	THE NEST, ALDERS AVENUE, EAST GRINSTEAD, RH19 2BT
Type of Comment	Objection
Comments	As Chair of The Friends of Standen Estate I would like to strenuously object to this proposal. It appears that the current owner must either have known that the capping was 'not done properly' (if in fact it wasn't) when the property was bought, or was responsible for allowing this at the time. Apart from the evident dangers of streams of HGVs on West Hoathly Road (described in the documentation as a, 'single carriageway road which narrows in places, particularly in the vicinity of Evergreen Farm), the damage caused by 12-15000 lorries each carrying 10 cubic metres of soil would surely be immense, ultimately resulting in repairs funded by local taxpayers. In addition, the drive at Standen is not suitable, nor is it intended for, such weighty vehicles, even if they only use a small part of it. It is also frequently busy with visitors, who come to enjoy the peace and tranquility of the site, not to find themselves part of a building site. I imagine such HGV activity could well diminish visitor footfall and therefore income for the property. Rockinghill Wood - erroneously referred to in the application as Rockings wood - is, as stated, a sensitive site. Staff and volunteers have put huge efforts into making it an area friendly to wildlife, attracting such species as Dormice and Lesser Spotted Woodpeckers in the process. As the application states, there are protected species and important habitats on Evergreen Farm - and in close proximity in Rockinghill Wood. A project of this size and disturbance could only have a detrimental effect on wildlife. Please do not let it go ahead.
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