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Re: Application number WSCC/004/20

The only 'improvement' I can see in this revised proposal is the foregoing of the use of the drive at Standen to access the site at Evergreen Farm. Everything else I commented on before stands.

- There would be a huge detrimental impact on those wishing to enjoy a visit to Standen, a historic, listed building and garden - both in terms of noise, dust, fumes etc. on site, and in terms of increased difficulty in reaching the property. At peak times, National Trust staff work hard to avoid a bottleneck forming at the entrance on West Hoathly Road. A stream of HGVs is likely to make sensitive management of visitor traffic almost impossible and could have a detrimental impact on income for the property, already badly hit by Covid.
- All the roads on the route to be taken by the HGVs would be adversely affected. At the Imberhorne Lane end this would impact negatively on residents as well as students and staff at Imberhorne School, and increase the risk of an accident involving a child. Another pinch point would be the Amenity Site, where there is often a queue of cars waiting to turn in. Passing HGVs would only compound this problem. At the West Hoathly Road end, the road is simply too narrow to cope with such vehicles – even meeting a bus (a relatively rare occurrence) is hazardous, and I am not your only correspondent who has lost a wing mirror from an almost stationary vehicle when the driver coming the other way misjudged both their car's speed and the width of the road.
- The impact on wildlife in the area should also be considered. It is hardly likely to be a positive one.

I concur with one of your other correspondents, who said that not only should this application be turned down, but the owners of Evergreen Farm should be advised to make no further application of this kind. Looking at the list of issues which can be taken into account by the planning department, this application ticks almost every single box in a negative way, with the exceptions of loss of light/outlook/privacy, and layout/appearance/design of buildings.

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