Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

Application number Name

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Type of Comment Comments

Objection

My objection to this planning application is the destruction of Ancient Woodland and the threat to all the wildlife and their habitats.

I have been recording wildlife in these woods and surrounding fields for the past 8 years. My records are sent to Sussex Biodiversity Records Centre.

I am particularly interested in butterflies and have seen at least 25 different species. They are found in various habitats - unimproved grassland, hedgerows, ancient and other woodland and others spend most of the time in the canopy of large trees, such as Oak, Ash and Beech. You need a good pair of binoculars to see them but I was lucky once when the beautiful Brown Hairstreak came down to lay eggs on Blackthorn.

These habitats are interwoven. The fragmentation of these habitats is one of the reasons for the decline of 3/4 of British butterflies over the last decades.

The main sunny forestry track attracts many butterflies which feed along the verges and bask in the sunshine. I look forward to seeing each year the Silver-washed Fritillary and the White Admiral which are woodland butterflies. Their beauty improves mental health and well being. A widened track; trees, bushes and vegetation removed, with noisy, polluting HGV's passing through will be devastating to them and all the other wildlife.

Ancient Woodland is irreplaceable. It has developed over hundreds of years.

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