Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

Application number	WSCC/030/21
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Type of Comment	Objection
Comments	I object to the application for the following reasons: 1. Impact on Environment The proposed development involves destruction of 6 hectares of woodland, which ought to be protected to preserve biodiversity. Furthermore, the large numbers of vehicular movements will create constant disturbance of wildlife dependant upon the fields and hedgerows adjacent to the proposed access route to the site. There are numerous bird species that feed, roost and neat in the woodland and the fields and hedgerows whose habitat will be lost or disturbed by heavy lorry movements. To name but a few, these include Tree Creepers, Jays, Tawny OWIs, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Green Woodpecker, Kestrel, Song Thrush, Dunnock and Yellow Hammer, many of which are now in the red or amber list of conservation concern. The ancient woodland also provides habitat for a large number of invertebrates many of which are also becoming increasingly rare such as the Stag Beetle, which depends on the presence fallen trees and rotting wood as sites for egg laying and food during the larval stage of their life cycle. Various mammals will also be adversely affected, including four threatened species. It is widely accepted that in response to the impending climate change disaster, it is nighly desirable that our mature woodlands are preserved for their caroon storage abilities and future carbon storage capacity should be enhanced by extending existing woodland to be destroyed, notly because of the serious impact that would have on biodiversity but also because it has a significant negative impact on current carbon storage capacity and reduces the opportunity for extending the woodland to achieve future enhancement of carbon storage capacity. Leases of Amenity. The area in which the development is proposed is criss-crossed with numerous footpaths, which are well used by local residents. There is a growing appreciation of the physical and mental health benefits derived from people enjoying access to open areas, especially those that are unspoiled and can be en
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