

Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

Application number	WSCC/030/21
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Type of Comment	Objection
Comments	<p>Bullet points for simplicity:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. ancient woodland is ecologically our most valuable resource: The recent Woodland Trust report on the state of the UK's woods and trees [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I would suggest would be an excellent first read by any of the appointed, elected, responsible officers and councillors involved in making the decision. As we have been consistently been told especially during the past 18 months - follow the science!2. A counterintuitive measure destroying ancient woodland, while offering free trees for planting "as part of the Council's wider ambition to tackle climate change and support the district's wildlife" [REDACTED] While the scheme is laudible and appreciated, why take something away with one hand and give it back with the other at significant additional cost.3. Noise, light, environmental pollution will be significantly increased not only negatively impacting and affecting current and longer term natural habitats, but also societal impact on health (physical/mental) which in turn puts pressure on other health services.4. Ancient woodland now comprises only 2.5% of the woodland in the UK. Ancient woodland is vital for carbon storage, reducing pollution and flooding. While woodlands store 213m tonnes of carbon - ancient woodland stores 77m 936%) even though they make up only 25% of the total woodland, further evidence of the essential qualities of these ancient woodlands which need continued protection.5. The most elementary for objection - there is no need and no demand (even with all the new housing developments being constructed in the area) and has been put forward purely for personal wealth.6. Heavy vehicle transportation required both in an out of the area, together with the need to construct new roads through woodland already interspersed with footpaths, will increase pollution, dust, toxins, air quality - and every aspect of this proposal goes against the UN's Sustainable Development Goals which the UK has signed up to as the Decade for Action.7. The proposal does not bring any demonstrable benefit to the district council, local community, visitors, or natural habitat.8. The transport infrastructure is already not able to satisfactorily cope with current levels of traffic, with narrow carriageways - it cannot accommodate more traffic, especially HGVs, adding increased risks to other road users and pedestrians. Increased deaths from collisions with HGVs have sadly been seen already this year. The impact on road safety cannot be underestimated.9. To protect the environment, the planet, and soak up all the carbon being dumped by us, we need to use our ancient woodlands to generate other natural woodland, not destroy it.10. There is no demand and no benefit - may have already stated this, but worth saying again!
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