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I do not believe that you have recorded my objection please ensure it is taken into consideration

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**PLANNING OBJECTION TO PLANNING APPLICATION WSCC/030/21
BY PETER IAN HALLT**

I would like to formally lodge my objection to the planning application above.

I moved with my Parents into Songhurst House in 1940 and I have lived at Old Songhurst Farm since 1996. I was involved in helping my Brother to run Songhurst Farm from the time my Father died in 1965 until it was sold in 2012, 47 years later.

My land adjoins the present owners woodland and I am the closest owner occupier to the proposed site, which is approximately 600 metres from my house.

I have walked on paths and rides in the proposed site thousands of times in the 70 years I have lived in the area. I have never been stopped or asked not to walk in the woods by the present owner or by the previous owner who purchased in 1959. I was also allowed free access within the woods by Mr E McAndrew from when I was 10 years of age in 1949. If the site were allowed to go ahead not only would it ruin the area of outstanding natural beauty it would diminish vastly the enjoyment of walking through the woods I have walked through most of my life.

There is a working Badger Set approximately 300 metres from the site, which has been there for the past 20 years.

When I look out of my bedroom window at approximately 10 pm I quite often see bats flying past (we do have dimmed security lights). I believe they are sinistral and long eared wood bats. I worry that the site would impact the environment for the Bats as well as the badgers.

We had breeding Barn Owls at Old Songhurst Farm for over 25 years until 2 years ago, we also have a large and diverse wild bird population. Very often we will see birds of prey when walking through the woods, I cannot see how the site wouldn't have an impact on them. I believe the disruption would have a huge impact on the wild life and fauna (including Fritillary Butterflies) that I have loved and I believe the impact on the environment and me personally would be devastating. It would be a very great loss to me to lose the sight of all that I have enjoyed over the years.

I have spoken to hundreds of people who use the footpath going past Old Songhurst, plus the Border path and other paths through the woods and they have nothing but admiration for the wild flowers and birds. I have never in 70 years seen any damage caused or rubbish left lying.

In addition both of my Sons and our Grandchildren who live within 10 miles come to visit us regularly and we love walking through the woods, especially when Bluebells and Primroses are in bloom.

My wife and I own approximately 8 acres of land plus the 3 properties at Old Songhurst Farm we and our tenants will all be affected by lorry noise going to and from the site especially reversing (we can hear lorries reversing in Loxwood 1 mile away). The loss of financial value to us will be very great as well as the huge environmental impact, if this is allowed to go ahead.

In addition the local roads will be unable to cope with heavy wide lorries. There has already been a huge impact on the infrastructure in the area with so much building happening in the area.

regards

Peter