

Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

Application number	<input type="text" value="WSCC/030/21"/>
Name	<input type="text" value="Hannah Frame"/>
Address	<input type="text" value="7 Wendy Crescent Guildford"/>
Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Comments	<p>I am an ecological consultant and I own Long Piece Wood, which lies approximately 1km North of the proposed development site, adjacent to Rikkyo School. I strongly object to this proposal on environmental and ecological grounds. The proposals would cause direct and indirect negative impacts on the surrounding ancient woodland, which is abundant in this area. There are numerous suitable trees for roosting bats, which are a material consideration in the planning process. Many UK bat species roost in trees, and may be present in the trees which are due to be removed by this development. The proposed increase in HGV activity within these woodlands alone is a cause for objection, as this will cause disturbance to roosting and foraging bats. Bats and their roosts are fully protected under UK and EU legislation, which protects them against disturbance, e.g. via increased noise and light pollution. This is inevitable with the proposal. In addition, we have confirmed great crested newt presence in our woodland. This is another European Protected Species and therefore requires special consideration in the planning process. Much of these woodlands contain ancient hazel coppice, which may support hazel dormice. Hazel dormice are also a European Protected Species. In addition, I find that the closure of the public footpath for 33 years is completely unacceptable. Especially during the pandemic, access to footpaths and green spaces are crucial to the general public and mental health.</p> <p>The roads around the Loxwood/Alfold area are narrow and winding and cannot withstand the pressure and the danger of such increased HGV traffic.</p> <p>Overall I find it is a completely inappropriate development for a greenfield site and an area of great natural beauty and biodiversity. I hope all the objections from local councils and residents will be taken into account. Best wishes, Hannah</p>
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