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Application number: 2023/2860

Application address: Land at 12 and Land West of 10 to 26 Claygate Lane Esher Surrey KT10 0AQ

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Comment type: You object to the planning application

Date of comment: 30 Nov 2023

Comment: Previous resident 19 Cumberland Drive. Lived there 16 years, 2006-2022

Location

Traffic is a serious issue. With the proposed site entrance directly between the Hinchley Wood School entrance and exit, major consideration needs to be taken on the risk to child safety during school time. Already a congested and busy road with parent drop-off and general traffic thoroughfare, with the additional proposed housings' cars, service, postal and utility deliveries continually entering a narrow access, Claygate Lane becomes more at risk of incident.

Architectural integrity

Application completely ignores the historic vernacular of the original 1930's masterplan: A well laid out structure of family houses with long gardens. No similar backland developments have been approved in this immediate area. It squeezes houses between TPO trees with shared gardens, narrow access and limited car parking spaces per household. The TPO trees are mature in size and the light they will block, shadowing the proposed dwellings and greenery will be significant. This scheme is not in keeping with the character of the area, all contrary to the NPPF, Policy DM2 of the Elmbridge Local Plan Development Management Plan August 2015, Policies CS8 and CS17 of the Elmbridge Core Strategy 2011 and the Design and Character Supplementary Planning Document Companion Guide: Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood & Weston Green, April 2012.

Biodiversity

The site has been deliberately left as a natural woodland, acknowledged by the Council by having 6 specimen tree TPO's. Thankfully this has ensured a diverse ecological balance in a built-up suburban setting. This has always been for us, whilst living there for 16 years, a wonderful home for bats, insects, newts, foxes, woodpeckers, robins etc, owls and bees. The TPO trees have ensured a wonderful, seasonal backdrop for all residents backing on to it from Cumberland Drive, Claygate Lane and Chesterfield Drive, as well as being seen directly from the School in Claygate Lane. It is called Hinchley Wood for a reason.

Impact

The impact of construction alone, would seriously destroy the natural root structure and irrigation of the area causing likely neighbour boundary disturbance to mature hedges and patios etc, as well as major threats to the TPO trees. Having properties in this location would cause serious noise and light pollution. Security would also become an increased risk to local residents with easier access to the rear of adjoining properties gardens. The existing woodland ensures a peaceful and natural

escape for all in their gardens.

I strongly object to this proposal and insist the local council turn it down.