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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

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We cannot believe this application is being considered for a number of reasons.

For the last 25 years the site has provided incredible bio diversity to the area; we frequently see so many bird species, butterflies, hedgehogs, bats and foxes. It is an urban woodland that we in Hinchley Wood are very lucky to have and it goes back to 1866 - it is not a brownfield site or just the back of a garden, it is greenfield. In a time when we are losing so many species of insects, butterflies and the climate is being threatened, we should be encouraging these areas and not destroying them.

What is being proposed is totally out of keeping with the 1930s design character of the area that Hinchley wood is known for and sets a dangerous precedent. There is great heritage to the village and this would be visually destroying that heritage.

We cannot imagine how awful it will look with the new light pollution that this development would bring. It is at the back of our garden and my wife has lived here for 49 years and to suddenly be overlooked and light pouring through is a very stressful thought.

We feel the security of our property would also be at risk allowing easy access to the back of our garden from the street, if it went ahead we would have a road at the front of our property and at the back. Additionally 2 of the semi detached properties would look directly into the back of our garden taking away our privacy.

Traffic is a major problem already on Claygate Lane and together with Mark Sugden, I helped to reduce the speed limit to 20 mph – every week there are still examples of road rage on Claygate Lane with vehicles revving in anger and speeding off, I am concerned that a child will be hurt and we should be doing everything to avoid such a scenario and this is only going to make it more dangerous with the addition of cars, delivery vans etc.

We struggle to get our car out of the drive normally due to the amount of the traffic and parked vehicles and this congestion would only increase.

A major concern is flooding, our back garden already gets partly flooded with heavy rains but thankfully the urban woodland helps to drain the water away and we can't imagine what it would be like if it is taken away – we believe we are at a threshold already which doesn't need to be tested.

In summary for the above reasons we object to this application.