

Our reference: COM566909918

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: 04 Dec 2023

Comment: We are appalled & angry by this submitted planning application which is totally inappropriate for this road.

Claygate Lane is a narrow lane (smaller width than the conventional road) which was not built for the massive influx of traffic we endure now with it servicing 2 schools & a church (with all their various functions) & is a rat run cut through from the A309 bypass. This is regularly gridlock with cars parked on one side for the majority of the day which only allows single line traffic to pass up or down the lane.

To add another road to exit on Claygate Lane would only add to the noise, traffic jams, pollution & congestion. Any additional vehicle movements would bring the lane to a complete closure & possible delays to emergency vehicles (fire engines, ambulance etc) trying to access the lane could prove fatal.

Years ago I was advised by a previous councillor that any plans for an additional road exiting into Claygate Lane would be turned down because of safety concerns.

As we have to endure this mayhem in the front of our houses our back gardens are our sanctuary & very precious to us in relieving stress & safeguard our mental wellbeing. This small area of land behind our back gardens is unique & not like other back gardens that have previously been built on in Hinchley Wood. This is mostly because it has been untouched by humans thanks to its land locked position behind residents gardens. This is not a brownfield site.

This has enabled wildlife to thrive, trees to mature & we need to protect these areas that form a corridor for wildlife to move. This is home to various birds including goldfinches, spotted woodpeckers, nuthatches, long tailed tits, owls, foxes, bats etc, all visiting, feeding & breeding in this habitat. Bats are protected by law & it is illegal to damage, destroy or disturb their habitat. Further investigation needs to be made to establish where their roosts are.

These proposed properties are completely out of character for this area. They have been crammed in with little or no gardens & with no thought for existing residents. With the extremes in weather we are currently experiencing any additional land turned over to concrete will only increase the risk of flooding to existing properties. We need these areas left to absorb water especially as our seasons are getting wetter. At present this area is pitch black at night so light pollution is also a serious concern which again will have a detrimental affect on residents & wildlife.

In conclusion this proposed development should not be allowed to proceed as the gain from building these dwellings is not worth the stress, destruction of habitat, loss of trees, loss of quality of life for all surrounding residents.