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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

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Comment: I struggle to comprehend what purpose this development serves, other than to line the pockets of yet another wealthy developer and the development, which includes semi-detached houses and flats and communal gardens, does not seem to fit in with the attraction of the 1930s character of the area and thus will impact on the uniqueness and reason so many of us moved here.

The access road to the proposed development is directly opposite Hinchley Wood School, on the busiest part of Claygate Lane. This will increase traffic in the area and create more noise and traffic pollution, as well as putting more pressure on the infrastructure in Hinchley Wood. With traffic in Claygate Lane already very high, due to the local primary and secondary school, the planned new access road will increase the disruption and traffic on what is already a busy road with calming measures put in place to ensure safety of pedestrians and road users. In addition, the access road indicated on the planning application does not appear to be suitable to support access for larger service and emergency vehicles, which is a concern as it will no doubt be widened.

Removal of the woodland area and over 35 mature trees that currently exist on the proposed planning site, alongside the associated variety of wildlife that lives there, will reduce the levels of area of biodiversity in the local area including several trees under TPO. Given how many properties are planned for this site, it is a concern as to how the remaining trees will be protected and how the roots of the existing trees in those neighbouring gardens will be conserved to ensure that they continue to flourish.

In summary this proposed development will result in a severe loss of privacy for the existing residents, the devastating loss of an area of biodiversity, significant noise pollution to neighbouring properties and disruption and an increase in traffic and congestion in an already busy school road which will impact on the safety of the parents and pupils using the road for their school journey and thus should not be approved.