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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: 06 Dec 2023

Comment: We wish to strongly object to this proposed development on the following grounds.

We consider this 9 dwelling development to be completely out of character with the heritage of the surrounding area, it is overcrowded and badly planned. As shown with its narrow access, inadequate turning areas for large delivery vehicles, and lack of individual garden spaces, with little or no understanding of the serious harm it will inflict on the local environment.

The site at present is and has been for 80 plus years a unique woodland with all the benefits to that area. with its mature trees, shrubs, wild plants and home for numerous forms of wildlife including small animals, owls and many birds, bats, insects and reptiles, all vitally important and needed for the balanced biodiversity of the area. At least one tree with a TPO has not been shown on the plan, is that to be cut down? Insufficient consideration has been shown when undertaking this project, as to the root damage that will certainly be caused to the remaining trees within the development and to the boundary lines of surrounding properties. This level of destruction to the natural environment is totally unwarranted. The clue is in the name Hinchley Wood.

This proposal incorporates a large percentage of hard landscaping which will adversely impact on risk of flooding to the area, which my insurance company already considers is at medium risk. The proposal shows no clear secure boundary fencing which would leave the rear of my property insecure and wide open to entry to anybody, with increased risk of theft/ vandalism.

The pollution of light leakage will be inevitable, although no lighting plan is shown, it is obvious with the added lighting from 9 dwellings, the street lights, vehicle movement and parking areas, the impact will be considerable.

Claygate Lane already has a major traffic problem, especially at school pickup/drop off times. The congestion and parking difficulties already result in chaos and drivers mounting the grass verges, occasional road rage incidents, plus the inability to get in and out of our driveways due to heavy traffic flow. The loss of 3 on street parking spaces and the added vehicle activity will only add to these problems, and that of road safety.

This proposal is detrimental and harmful to the community on all the above points and we strongly oppose it.