

**Our reference:** COM567522197

**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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**Address:** 10 Cumberland Drive, Esher, Surrey, KT10 0BB

**Comment type:** You object to the planning application

**Date of comment:** 06 Dec 2023

**Comment:** We object to this development for a number of reasons. Firstly, the loss of green space in an already densely populated area will increase the risk of flooding with less water run off areas. We have already seen the water levels rise in recent years with the increased risk of flooding to homes in Manor Road North, Cumberland Drive and Claygate Lane, no doubt caused in part by the new housing developments in Hinchley Wood already built (Fernwood Place, Hinchley Way and Woodleaf Gardens). What are you doing to mitigate against flood risk to protect your residents and their properties? From a Health and Safety perspective, there will be an increased risk of accidents when leaving the proposed development and entering Claygate Lane, both in terms of pedestrians walking along the path and also vehicles driving down Claygate Lane which gets very busy when the schools open and close for the day. This will have a knock on in effect in surrounding roads including Cumberland Drive and Chesterfield Drive. We have witnessed a number of accidents, near misses and road rage incidents which will increase. We also object due to the size of the development of 3 flats and 6 houses in what is quite a small strip of land, adding potentially 18 cars into a small area which is not good for the air quality. At the same time, the pressure on local services such as doctors, dentists, schools etc increases as potentially 30+ new residents move in. Please point to where new services have been introduced in the last 5 years to cope with the new housing developments already built? Continuing with the environmental theme, this area of land designated for the new development has lain dormant for over 25 years and has evolved into a natural woodland area in this time and is home to a variety of wildlife which would be displaced. Furthermore, there are 40+ mature and healthy trees and many shrubs which would be destroyed should permission be granted.