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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: 07 Dec 2023

Comment: We live in the surrounding area to the proposed development on Land at 12 and Land west of 10-26 Claygate Lane, and our 3 children attend Hinchley Wood Primary School. We strongly object based on the following reasons:

1. The land is unique urban woodland that has been integral to the outlook, privacy, security and amenity of all the surrounding properties since they were built in 1930 and before.
2. The loss of biodiversity and 25-35 mature trees is inconceivable and would result in material harm to the community and environment, especially unforgivable in the context of climate change.
3. There are several ancient trees on the land which quite rightly have TPOs on them. We are very concerned that these will not be protected by the developer given the proximity of the proposed houses and don't believe the suggested protection measures are plausible – we have already witnessed a significant number of the mature trees and hedges being cut down on the land last year in readiness for this application.
4. Claygate lane at this section, opposite the primary and secondary school is already dangerous and untenable from a sheer volume of cars and traffic. There are 1500+ school children and their families that will be impacted by the proposed location of this access road directly opposite these schools. We are already deeply concerned about insufficient parking and increasing numbers of parents who are driving to school, leading to illegal parking. The primary school is regularly raising the issue of dangerous parking in newsletters (which you can see for yourself on their website). We have personally witnessed incidents of 'road rage' and 'near misses' and are concerned about the proposal's impact on an already highly congested area.