

**Our reference:** COM567960694

**Application number:** 2023/2860

**Application address:** Land at 12 and Land West of 10 to 26 Claygate Lane Esher Surrey KT10 0AQ

**Name:** Mrs Bernard Freeman

**Address:** 12 Chesterfield Drive, Esher, Surrey, KT10 0AH

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

**Date of comment:** 08 Dec 2023

**Comment:** I object to this planning application on environmental grounds.

Biodiversity is essential for the processes that support all life on Earth, including humans. Without a wide range of animals, plants and microorganisms, we cannot have the healthy ecosystems that we rely on to provide us with the air we breathe and the food we eat. People also value nature of itself.

The land that would be used for this development is currently a natural woodland of over 40 mature and healthy trees and home to many species of wildlife including insects, bats, mammals and birds.

The trees, bushes and shrubs that occupy the land naturally slow down water and help soil to absorb rainfall. If they are removed it could increase risks of flooding. Trees and other plants clean the air we breathe and help us tackle the global challenge of climate change by absorbing carbon dioxide.

It is our duty to protect this space for future generations.