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Dear Elmbridge Borough Council,

I want to thoroughly object to the current planning application 2023/2860

My name is Pauline Barrie and we moved into this area 17 years ago.
My address is 12 Meadow Close, Hinchley Wood, Kt100AY

Why does Hinchley Wood have to have yet another overbuild and destruction of existing houses and gardens?

Background and experience

1. Since moving into the area we have seen some appalling buildings replacing what was a very distinctive architectural style. These buildings are replacement buildings which have meant that original houses have been demolished, gardens have been built on, basic “wicks type computer houses” replacing the original “Arts & Crafts buildings.

2. In Meadow Close, where we live, three houses in this Close have been erased and new ones built. All of these buildings created a huge loss of habitat, the destruction of some really beautiful gardens and the loss of mature trees and bushes. None of the houses replace what has been lost. Serious damage has been done to the local, immediate wildlife habitat. What we have lost cannot be replaced. It has not just been the back gardens but the front gardens have disappeared at an alarming rate and have been replaced by hard standings some of which have no greenery, flowers, borders etc.

More importantly the new houses built here caused damage to existing houses, loss of habitat for many species including bats, frogs, toads, slow worms, stag beetles, woodpeckers (greater spotted as well as green woodpeckers) plus a wide range of other insects and birds. This type of wanton destruction of habitat and the actual quality of what the current residential houses are replaced with cannot go on.

3. The residents in our Close suffered loss of networks when wires were cut, not once but twice, and when drains were filled with liquid concrete, dust and dirt, causing drains to flood. Loss of access to safe pavements - just come and see the state of what we now have. Broken pavements, broken road surfaces, lorries thundering down with tons and tons of hard core, blocking drains, breaking up the pavements. None of the builders were ever made to clean up after their deliveries or work. None of the new residents were made to contribute to repairing the damage to the pavement and road surfaces. With an aging population in the close this damage presents real problems for people with mobility problems etc.

During the build of these properties, the residents suffered a whole range of abuses through lack of planning control - all of the new houses are not what was in the individual planning applications. You only have to walk down the close to see what developers do. The new Wicks construction on the corner is bigger

than the application made, so it's front line sticks out further than any of the other houses, the fencing is like a barricade and neither house nor fence is in keeping.

There is more.

All these points I have raised are through the experience we have had since moving here. But an issue which is even more immediate and serious is the water supply. Because this area was designed and built with arts and craft concepts, to have one upstairs bathroom and a downstairs toilet was a luxury but now the current supply of water to the range of much bigger houses, with 4,5,6 bathrooms, shower rooms, wet rooms etc means that our water supply has radically suffered. Last year we had just a small trickle of water in the night and could not use a shower between 7-8.30.

The last reservoir was opened in 1962 - the Elizabeth Reservoir near Walton.

So where is the new water supply coming from? Where is all the additional sewage going to go?

This background experience enables me to oppose the overdevelopment application which has been made for 12 Claygate Lane and the proposal of building 6 houses, 3 flats, plus an access road on 22 Claygate Lane and destroying land to the rear opposite the very busy secondary school and primary schools

1. The immediate area has 2 very busy schools. If this over development goes ahead it will have a dynamic impact on the day to day running of these schools during the demolition process and the building. As a health & Safety issue it will cause more environmental pollution as pupils try to get to school, and to leave safely. The air will be polluted through the demolition of the buildings and clearance of the natural habitats including the felling of a large number of trees. Increased traffic is not needed in this area and it would be detrimental to the running of both schools and to the air quality for the children.

2, The proposal is another example of a very greedy plan to maximise profit. It brings nothing at all to the table in terms of the community it is destroying.
ie. There already is not enough GP's, or Dentists, - just one of each for Hinchley Wood?

3. The natural environment which exists at the back of No. 12 Claygate Lane is a haven for our much diminished local wildlife and must be preserved as such. No development should destroy this type of habitat and permission should never be granted cut down 35-45 mature and healthy trees which are part of the fight against air pollution and general environmental destruction. Perhaps more importantly, the air quality needs these trees especially around a number of schools

4 Another infill road will damage the environment on a permanent scale, creating more cars, more congestion and this is especially worrying in terms of the schools and the children who attend. For them the increase of traffic is not acceptable and many levels.

This area is already congested during school drop off times and pick ups - it will make the situation far worse both for residents and for the children and general road users.

This application is one of the worse I have seen for this area and is not sympathetic to the local architecture or planning which built Hinchley Wood originally.

I want to see a proper environmental impact study which looks at the impact on wildlife, that also looks at the additional water supply issues, the serious nature of flooding (we now have regular flooding of our garden due to overdevelopment in our immediate area) and the concerns raised about the health and

safety of the children, teachers and parents who visit the schools on a daily basis. The air quality around our schools must be of serious concern with this overdevelopment?

We do not need increased levels of traffic and we also do not want to loose our original houses and street planning, nor our open spaces, gardens, and trees.

Our community is under constant threat from these types of money making ventures and these developers bring nothing to enhance our community, facilities and day to day life. They make their money and leave. It's just not acceptable. What they destroy cannot be replaced.

I have photographic evidence of many of the problems I have listed on the environmental impact of this type of build and the immediate and lasting problems we are left with. The issue of water supplies both not and for the immediate future are of real concern in this area.

Your sincerely,

Pauline Barrie.

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