

Our reference: COM597937386

Application number: 2023/2860

Application address: Land West Of 10 To 26 And Land At 12 Claygate Lane Esher Surrey KT10 0AQ

Name: Mr Hill

Address: 28 Claygate Lane, Esher, Surrey, KT10 0AQ

Comment type: You object to the planning application

Date of comment: 20 Mar 2024

Comment: To add to my objection from before, we notice there have been some amended plans and surveys done.

This does not change our objection – the flooding impact will be horrendous. We are seeing it now at 28 Claygate Lane at the end of our garden, (just near where the proposed site is) - after heavy rains the ground is flooded but we are reassured that the land next to it drains this water away. It is scientifically claimed heavy rains will become more of a standard trend as a result of Climate change. It appears the assessment is very bias and not taking into account what this land does to serve the wider community for drainage. Regarding the reptile survey report – there was a clear photo which showed that much of the site was not explored – 'preventing access to a significant proportion of the site' – again it appears the data is adhering to an agenda to support the build as much as possible. We have the garden at the end of the plot and we see so much diverse wildlife and there are many small holes home to various species. The wildlife in this area is incredible – so many birds, insects, foxes, reptiles, butterflies, etc. This area behaves like a very successful bio diverse area we should endeavour to keep, again bearing in mind what climate change is telling us. Also with regard to trees – that is a lot of trees that are needed to be cut down; which are home to an immense amount of bio diversity. Also it should be noted we couldn't find pictures noting where the trees are on a map (maybe our mistake). Next we just want to mention traffic/congestion/safety – even the singular comment for the application(versus 124 against) referenced this. We believe the situation is pretty catastrophic on Claygate Lane as it is. I was responsible for bringing to attention to Mark Sugden the need for 20mph over 30mph which is now the case but unfortunately the danger is ever present from cars ignoring this and due to congestion the threat of danger is ever present with cars just zooming off. It is unique as there are three schools in this road and there are kids crossing much of the time. There are blind spots everywhere when the traffic is dense which it frequently is and so many very large vehicles using for access. A tragic accident is waiting to happen and to increase this flow with more is a dangerous decision, imagine the work vehicles/deliveries trying to get in there! And of course not forgetting light pollution and all the other points from my initial objection.