

Subject: Planning objection: 07/19/0200/F

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are aware that unfortunately we have exceeded the 21 day limit due to intense working schedules.

However, we felt it important to briefly log our concerns which echo those of other nearby residents, many of whom have done extensive research of the local village/town development plans and/or collected information on the wildlife in the area.

We have not had the time to do that but wholeheartedly endorse their comments and can add our own anecdotal evidence of the already felt impacts to biodiversity/wildlife in the area of existing buildings being erected on the St Edwards Gate site which adjoins this area. (The raising of the access road and subsequent blocking of animal pathways means that many animals have shown distress and confusion at not being able to pass between one area of woodland to another as they previously did).

Our main concerns fall into 4 areas:

1. The Cuffley Hill road: this is already an extremely busy, noisy and pollution producing road. We are already worried about the impact of the EXTENSIVE development in the area (including 500 (!) dwellings being built down the road) and the impacts this will have. We walk down to cuffley station in a morning and there is regularly standing traffic and fumes - as one resident mentioned, these collect in the natural valley exasperating the problem and will cause significant increases in respiratory illnesses in the area.

2. Wildlife and the environment: I have covered briefly above and would urge the council the take up the offer of some residents to show images/video footage of animals in the area and the natural pathways they use throughout the site which cannot be replaced. Not to mention the unnecessary plans for pulling down of trees - these are not only beautiful and provide screening, but they are essential to our habitat and for carbon

capture (they will also be mitigating some of the fumes from the traffic, the removal of which will make even worse). (Also, the St Edward's Gate development chopped down trees for which it did not have permission. I would sincerely hope that the council would take action to ensure this never happens again and that penalties are sufficient to act as a deterrent.)

2. Facilities: there is already strain on our local schools, GPs, dental and other healthcare services. The already extensive plans for the area will put this under breaking strain if not worse. A further unnecessarily large development will mean local residents going without medical treatment and/or preventative check ups (making potential illnesses worse).

4. Noise and impacts to the general character of Goffs Oak: the area is more rural than Cuffley and would like to stay that way. Similarly, the noise from the road is already loud (and we're set back from the road). Further increases would be unacceptable.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch for any more details.

Best wishes,

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