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Demolition of 1 agricultural building and the erection of 2 dwellings with associated works

Plot 1 Steel Framed Barn, Oaklands, Coltstaple Lane, Horsham

Thursday 16th February 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing about planning application number: DC/23/0057

It states its a proposed demolition of an agricultural building but I am not aware of the building being used specifically for agricultural purposes. I only know it as being used for housing aircraft.

As a local neighbour who knows the applicant [REDACTED], I was surprised no mention of this application had been made to me in person as a local neighbour who would be directly affected.

Regardless of who lives in the property, I strongly object to the proposed development which should not be allowed under any circumstance for the following reasons:

- The applicant has already built additional dwellings that are used as residential residences since moving into the property.
- Any additional housing appears to be motivated purely by financial goals as enough housing already exists on the site to satisfy even the biggest of families.
- If you allow new housing developments like these to built in such a beautiful countryside location, it sets a precedent for other such applications and will ruin the character of the area.
- The proposed application is beside historical ancient bluebell woodland inhabited by many endangered species which I have seen moving across the road into the wood. Species such as the English grass snake (*Natrix natrix*) which are protected in the UK under the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981. Priority Species under the UK Post-2010 Biodiversity Framework. *Vipera berus* have also been seen there, a species fully protected by law. Any works would risk the welfare of these endangered animals.
- The suggested properties are beside a public right of way which is also a poorly maintained road surface.
- There is no mains sewage in the area and discharge is already clearly seen and smelt in the summer in the ditch near the primary residence.

Yours sincerely,

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