

Vale of Glamorgan Council
Civic Offices
Holton Road
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10th January 2018

Dear Mr Howell

Planning Application: 2016/01160/OUT

Proposal: Proposed tourist (Tree Tent) accommodation development on land adjacent to Woodside Hamlet, with associated parking, wash up and toilet facilities | Woodside Hamlet, Ham Manor, Llantwit Major

The Trust has reviewed the revised plans for the above proposed development within Ham Wood, and area of ancient woodland designated as a Restored Ancient Woodland Site (RAWS) and a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC).

The plans do not address our concerns set out in our previous response to the original application, and the removal of trees from the boundary with Mill Lay Lane proposed within the revised plan would further compound the damage through direct loss of important natural habitat. This loss would contravene national and local planning policy designed to protect habitats such as ancient woodland from harmful developments. Ham Wood as both a RAWS and SINC clearly falls under the category of a site that is important for biodiversity, meaning that the developer should be required to find an alternative site – away from ancient woodland – for the siting of their development.

The Woodland Trust's **objection to the proposed development therefore remains**. I refer you to our previous response (3 March 2017) for further details of our objection.

We hope you find our comments to be of use to you. If you are concerned about any of the comments raised by the Trust then please do not hesitate to get in contact with us.

Yours sincerely,

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