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Ham Manor Park

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Dear Mr Howells

Re planning application 2016/01160/OUT

I am writing to object to the planned Tourist Tree Tent proposed for the woods behind Woodside Hamlet.

This proposed plan via Ham Manor, which is a quiet residential area for retired people. Most of the residents are elderly many infirm; the park has no footpath and narrow road access.

The existing traffic to the Acorn camp site and heavy plant traffic to Rosedew farm already poses a danger to residents so much so my boundary wall has taken a few knocks from these vehicles.

The development would necessitate lighting for safety, which would cause a negative visual impact and disturbance for neighbouring residents. I am also concerned about noise and rowdy drunken behaviour from campers in an un-marshalled campsite.

My other worry is the trespassers as people in the woods will seek the shortest route into town –through the gardens of resident's hence adding fear and disturbance to all the residents of what is an existing problem as the boundary fence is at the present broken .

Adding further accommodation to an already existing campsite would change the nature of the area from a peaceful rural countryside adjoining a quiet residential area, to something like a holiday park and opens the way for even less sympathetic developments.

This development would impact a remnant of ancient woodland and rivers that is of county level importance, as well a refuge for rare and declining species of bird, protected species such as bats, badgers and otters.

Owls and birds of prey inhabit the woodland. The proposed site of the parking would disturb an existing badger set. Having a human presence in the woodland , with associated noise, smoke, litter and smells, would have a negative impact on the wildlife that depends on the wood.

These tents are heated with a wood burning stove. In addition to a fire risk, this will encourage tree damage for firewood and cause MORE wildlife disturbance and stress from the smoke.

Due to the potential of flooding the area around the river becomes very boggy making disabled access near impossible, the risk of more frequent extreme flood events posed by our changing climate makes this site unsuitable for accommodations.

As this proposed site is surrounded by residential homes and already has a established campsite, I feel this would not be beneficial for the site or its existing inhabitants.

I hope you can persuade the developers to see the errors of their ways and find an alternative for this project.

Yours faithfully

M.R.Hartland.