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Subject: June Meadow on Bell Vale Lane

Dear Inspector,

I am writing to you as a resident of Bell Vale Lane (June Meadow) in relation to the proposed development of 110+ houses between Scotland Lane and the Midhurst Road. There are two things I will address in this email firstly is the process that has been carried out by Waverley Council and in particular the in person session that the inspector had organised but Waverley had failed to notify the residents of Haslemere about, thus leaving the impression that no cared and there were few objections to this development. There was then very little notice given for a zoom call on 23rd January with the inspector meaning that lots of working residents had no time to plan their day and be free for this call at 10am. Given the impact and size of this planning development to the town of Haslemere and our AONB it would seem unfair that residents are not given advance notice especially as advance notice was given to the Scout Group and Grayshott who are being gifted land if this development goes ahead.

There is also the question about an impartial view with this inquiry, social media is a wonderful tool but why is the inspector liking pages from the appellants LinkedIn profile endorsing support. An impartial view should remain completely impartial, I'm concerned that this has happened during such an important inquiry. Is further investigation required around this?

For my second point I will just list (in no particular order) the many reasons as to why this is not a good development site for these houses:

- There are over 100 Scout Groups with facilities in Surrey already, many of these facilities are under utilised. Camelsdale Scout Group is currently undertaking a massive overhaul of their Scout Hut to provide better facilities. The lease on the Haslemere Scout Hut has just been renewed, there is no need for further Scout facilities in this area.
- Scotland Lane is used as a rat run from the Midhurst Road (A286), increased traffic on the Midhurst Road leading to Shepherds Hill will increase this rat run and cause more congestion and chance of accidents on Scotland Lane which cannot cope with current levels of traffic.
- The Midhurst road is fast and many accidents occur on this stretch of road, putting in another junction will add to the danger.
- A public bridleway is not required off the Midhurst Road (down the current steps) onto Bell Vale Lane. As a horse rider I would never ride my horse anywhere near this Midhurst Road it is too dangerous.
- Scotland Lane floods at the bottom of the hill more often now than it ever has done in the past and houses at the bottom of the hill have to use sand bags to prevent damage to their properties, an increase in development will cause more problems.

- The increased traffic to Bell Vale Lane will ruin our little road and the community we have on this Lane. It's narrow with very few pulling in spaces and cannot cope with any more vehicles on this Lane. We have young children on bikes, runners, cyclists and an abundance of dog walkers who love this lead which leads up to Blackdown on the Serpent Trail. Added vehicles to this road will be dangerous.
- It's an AONB for a reason, it's beautiful, it attracts many common but also some rare animals, insects and plants. The National Trust chose this particular area for the beaver project and these projects need to be protected for the sake of our children and the habitat of our wildlife.
- There is a shortage of water in Haslemere every year, houses run out of water every year because the reservoir runs dry and isn't topped up enough. Even with all the rainfall we have Haslemere runs out of water. Where does this come from with all the new houses? There are no plans to increase the reservoir!
- The privacy of the houses surrounding the proposed site is a concern to many, these new developments will look over there land, into their windows because of the gradient of the site.
- Where will new residents of this development send their children to school? We have waiting list currently at all local schools both state and private.
- Our local Haslemere NHS system is bursting to the seams, there is a no capacity for new patients.

I don't feel this inquiry has been led in a way that allows residents to have had their voice heard properly but I hope that it this inquiry is impartial and that sense prevails and Haslemere's beauty is protected.

Kind regards

Kate and Stephen Edwards

June Meadow, Bell Vale Lane