

Good Afternoon

My name is Dawn Brown. I am Trustee of the Haslemere Society and a member of HSRA.

I am both a mother and grandmother and have been a Haslemere resident for over 20 years.

In particular I would like to mention the topography of Haslemere as it is very hilly. The picture painted by the appellant is very one dimensional and completely misleading. In order to reach the town, you need to cross over the main Midhurst Road/Shepherds Hill so it is not easy to either walk or cycle.

I would like it noted that I agree with all the residents that have spoken so far against this proposal.

I chose to live in Haslemere for its protected green spaces that I have been able to enjoy over the last 20 years.

I regularly walk from home down the footpath down to Bell Vale Lane with my two grandchildren and they have benefitted greatly from the wonderful experiences that they have had when encountering new wildlife, plants and trees in the changing seasons. You cannot put a price on their happiness and wellbeing. It enables children to stay physically fit and healthy and have a positive attitude on life.

I also believe that it is essential that people of all ages are able to walk in green countryside, so moving the historic footpath between two roads will remove the tranquillity it currently delivers. This is even more important for young people and preserving their mental health. If the developer were able to build on this beautiful countryside, it would be catastrophic in every way and the numerous benefits it provides will be lost for future generations. I sincerely hope that you will take this into consideration and reject this appeal due to their being no exceptional circumstances.

Thank you for your time.