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Your Ref:- APP/20/01964

Dear Sir.

I write as I have several concerns & objections regarding the proposal to build 5 detached houses on the site known as 'The Bus', in Avenue Road.

My home is situated to the [REDACTED] of 'The Bus', and all my front windows look straight onto the site. Were the proposed plans to go ahead then my outlook would be straight into a residential complex (with houses taller than any of the chalet bungalows / bungalows adjacent to them, including mine), whereas until recently I looked out on a natural area of varied trees & shrubs – and observed numerous animals & birds on a regular basis.

I very much appreciate the care that has been taken to survey reptiles & bats in the area, and to make provision for them if the development were to go ahead. However it leads me to question why the annihilation of the trees, hedgerows, shrubs & other vegetation that provided a natural habitat for other creatures was allowed to go ahead. This was done over the period of just a few hours, at no notice whatsoever, around the middle of last year. Why, when so much care is being taken over some creatures now, was the same care not afforded to the woodpeckers, little owls, hedgehogs, foxes, squirrels and, I feel sure, countless other small creatures then. Should the owners at that time have had to apply for permission? (Or maybe permission was granted – but I was not notified?) Either way, it was clearly done in anticipation that the next owner would wish to apply to build on the land, and make sale of the land for that purpose easier. Had this not happened then I believe all the

animals that lost their homes that day would need to have been considered in the current proposal.

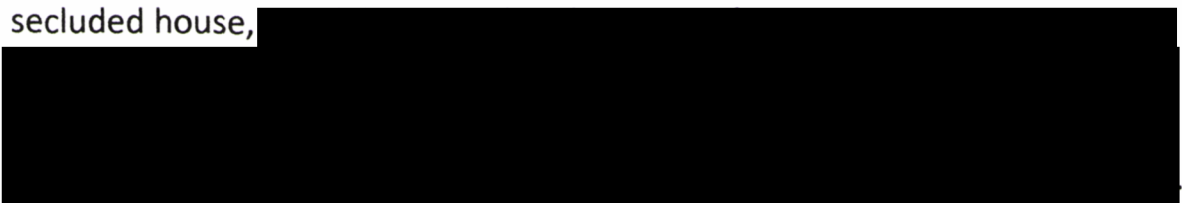
The destruction described above has already changed my home from a quiet secluded property, to one clearly visible from the road. The proposed development would simply complete the change of my situation from semi rural to living in a built up area.

I sincerely believe the area should be restored to a suitable habitat for all its previous residents. This would not be possible if several houses were to be built. I would suggest the land would therefore be better suited to horse livery, a few well maintained mobile homes with more natural areas between them, or something similar.

I am also concerned that those living close to 'The Bus' have not all been fully informed that you have received a planning proposal. There has been no information posted on lampposts, railings, etc. A day after I received the letter from you, my immediate neighbour contacted me to ask if I had heard from you – saying another Avenue Road resident had done so, but she had not. Another friend whose property backs onto the western boundary of 'The Bus' says she has never received notification either.

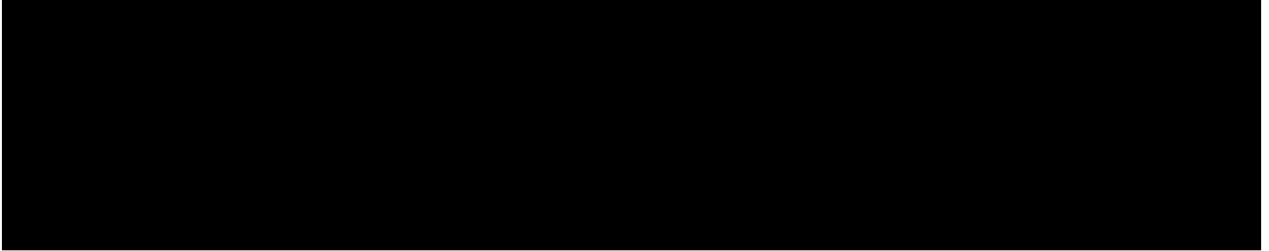
In section 2 of the Ecological Report from Peachecology they say 'This report will support the application to Test Valley Borough Council for permission to demolish the existing house and replace this with 5 residential dwellings as shown in Appendix C.' This is clearly not in connection with 'The Bus', since there is no existing house on the site, and has no connection to Test Valley Borough Council! This leads me to wonder whether the rest of the report is accurate.

When I wrote to you opposing to 'store' caravans on 'The Bus' (the ones in question were not stored, they were dumped and left to decay) I said:-
'I really am concerned about the development of this site. I bought a quiet, secluded house,



The unimpeded view of activity on 'The Bus' would only serve to make this worse.'

The current proposal makes me even more worried – the noise and disruption from a building site is likely to have a major, detrimental impact on my health.



Not to be defeatist – but just in case you do not see this from my point of view, there are a few other things that concern me if the plans were to be accepted. I notice there would be no access to plots 4 & 5 for fire appliances, and a mist suppression system would have to be installed. How efficient would such a system be? Would my home be at higher risk, especially when the prevailing west wind is blowing, if one of these houses were to catch fire?

The idea of planting wildflower seeds with grass in the rear gardens is a step in the right direction, but would there be anything in the deeds requiring house owners to maintain this?!

The effect on my outlook if this were to go ahead can be summed up in one word – BLEAK!

Yours faithfully

