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APP/19/00889 - Planning Comments - Tournerbury Woods

Dear Sir/Madam

I write in objection to the current proposal of a commercial access/wedding venue in Tournerbury Woods. I have been a visitor to the Farm and woods for over 32 years.

To see development in Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, feel insensitive to the distinctive character of the area and the quality of their landscape, heritage and wildlife.

Hayling Island is fortunate in having a rich variety of high quality landscapes, within a relatively small land area there are untouched Salt Marshes which encourage our natural sea birds and wildlife. I would estimate that approximately half of the bird and wildlife population have disappeared from the area since the introduction of this commercial venue. A common scene was once to see numerous Heron's nesting and Crow's rookery's, great grey shrikes all which have diminished drastically, along with the rarity of Moorhens, Grey Shrikes, Kentish plovers, Mediterranean Gulls and Grey Phalarope.

AONBs are areas not only of high scenic quality but often of wildlife importance and rich in both cultural and architectural heritage. I hope that the council sees the woods as AONBs in recognition of the national importance of these qualities.

The objectives of the council I feel are to:

- conserve or enhance the natural beauty or amenities of the area;
- conserve wildlife, historic objects or natural phenomena within it;

- conserve the Natural Bury this monument is scheduled under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979 as amended as it appears to the Secretary of State to be of national importance.

These objections are based on wider environmental considerations than the control of development and AONB boundaries will not necessarily be synonymous with the application of one particular planning application.

The Councils Countryside Assessments surely needs to be produced as part of the development plan process, considering each designated AONB, to identify distinctive local landscape character types and their potential for protection, enhancement or limited development. Surely putting a commercial venue in the middle of an AONB is not respectful to either the wildlife or population of Hayling Island.

While the Council's planning policies are for development, surely paramount is one of protection and enhancement of these special landscapes, in applying the planning policy, needs to account for the needs of local communities and the need to sustain the economic and social wellbeing of those living in the AONBs, not to destroy this area with excessive traffic noise pollution and environmental pollution destroying the habitat of the wildlife!

In assessing development proposals within Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, including those parts subject to policy constraint, the council's aim should not only be to protect their unique qualities but also to promote the enjoyment and make a positive contribution to their conservation. New buildings should respect, and may have to reflect, the traditional architectural styles and settlement pattern and not take over the area. Applicants and their professional advisers should take particular care over the retention or reconstruction of traditional boundary details, such as hedges, bury's, walls, trees and gates, around new developments in AONBs.

Planning applications for housing, industrial, and tourist-related development, in AONB towns and villages, should be judged on the basis of the effect of the proposals on the setting of the settlement within the AONB, as well as scale, design and other planning and environmental considerations.

My final words are WE CAN NEVER GET BACK WHATS LOST lets not lose
AONB on Hayling Island! Please.

Kind Regards

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