

Ref: Planning Application 23/03231/F

On the basis of the information supplied with the application together with responses from relevant agencies, Horley Parish Council **object** to the planning application number 23/03231/F – Hawthorn Hart Land, Wroxton Lane, Horley OX15 6BB.

The reasons for the objection are:

- The land in question has been designated as part of the Horley Conservation area. The principal reason for this is that it is an ancient meadow with varied flora and offers wide ranging views which are characteristic of and are of amenity value to the village. The proposed development as indicated will severely impact this area.
- The Parish Council are surprised and disappointed that the Conservation Department have not identified this impact and have chosen not to comment given their previous interventions on less impactful planning applications.
- The proposed barn is of modern construction which is not in keeping with other village structures in the conservation area. It will have to have hard standing which will destroy part of the meadow and given its large footprint will be clearly visible from the road, adjacent houses and nearby footpaths across the land.
- The application shows a track is to be laid across the ancient meadowland from Wroxton Lane which will have a major impact on the wild flora of the meadow. It is also out of keeping with the appearance and function of the meadow. However, lack of provision of a track would cause major damage to the land as has already been observed where vehicles have been regularly driven over the meadow for access.

The Parish Council has also received comments from village residents regarding the accumulation of manure and soiled bedding next to a natural watercourse and the potential nuisance to nearby residents.

Statement prepared by Horley Parish Council  
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On behalf of Horley Parish Council – January 11<sup>th</sup> 2024.