



Planning Department,  
Waverley Borough Council,  
The Burys,

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Dear Sirs,

Application 2017/1804, Barfold Farm.

The Haslemere society is totally opposed to this application and recommends that it is refused. The Society's reasons for this are as follows :-

When granting the appeal for application 2012/0519 the Planning Inspector was very clear that for permission for polo activities to be allowed, he required strict conditions to be met. This was in the context of the activities taking place in this specially protected Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

Specifically the Inspector required the applicant/appellant to submit an annual fixture programme to WBC (the Planning Authority) for them to monitor the number of matches and the numbers of visitors and vehicles attending, to ensure that the imposed restrictions were being complied with. This information is essential to enable WBC to carry out the required monitoring. Without such monitoring it would be impossible to determine whether the strict conditions were being met and it is likely that escalation of activities would result.



The applicant suggests that complying with the Inspector's conditions 11 & 12 is too onerous. The Society strongly disagrees with this and points out that in the context of organising a programme of matches this is a minor task.

If the applicant's claim that there has been no monitoring or feedback from WBC's officers is correct and that officers have not made any visits on match days, this is of considerable concern to The Society and other interested parties.

We would emphasise WBC's obligation year on year to check that all the conditions stipulated by the Inspector are being complied with, and where necessary, to enforce these in the interests of protecting this AONB.

Yours faithfully,

John Greer (Vice Chairman, The Haslemere Society)