



11 January 2019

Planning Department,
Waverley Borough Council,
The Burys,
GODALMING BY EMAIL

Dear Sirs,

Lythe Hill Hotel 2017/0277

The Haslemere Society has considered the recent further and revised information submitted for this application and comments as follows;

- 1) The removal of several elements of the previously proposed scheme is welcomed as this reduces the mass of the development within the AONB designated area.
- 2) Notwithstanding this reduction the development will still be on the scale of a very large country house where design and detail, choice of appropriate materials and quality of construction are regarded as important aspects. At this stage only outline information is given and WBC are urged to ensure that more detailed information on these aspects are submitted, appraised and approved prior to construction commencing. The standard of the repair/reinstatement of the existing period building fronting the Petworth Road needs to be complemented with adjacent high quality new buildings forming the proposed development in this ANOB.



3) The noise assessment report concludes, (wrongly we consider) '*no unacceptable noise input would arise for occupiers of the nearest residential properties*'. Notwithstanding measures taken to reduce noise emissions from the buildings the activities of visitors/guests, opening of windows and doors in summertime, fireworks and amplification by over exuberant D J s are all possible sources of unacceptable noise in this otherwise tranquil area that management will have to deal with. WBC should therefore attach adequate conditions to cover this to prevent annoyance to nearby residents and allow them to continue to enjoy the peaceful environment.

4) Reference is made to the cutting back of the embankment to the Petworth Road to improve sight lines. No details of this have been given and therefore these should be submitted for appraisal and approval before any construction work commences.

5) Reference is also made to a pedestrian route into Haslemere and to cycling. Given the significant lengths of the Petworth Road where there is no footpath and the narrowness of the road with poor sight lines walking and cycling between the Hotel and Haslemere is particularly dangerous and not recommended.

6) Notwithstanding the provision of a minibus service the expanded hotel will result in some use of the local bus service by employees and guests. As we have pointed out previously there are no safe bus stop facilities (in both directions) and the new information does not address this. The provision of safe bus stop facilities should be a condition of any approval.



7) The Haslemere Society in its previous comments has indicated its support in principle for the hotel development but expressed concern over the scale of the proposals. The reduction in scale now proposed addresses this and reduces its impact on the ANOB to a more acceptable degree. Any expansion proposals in the future would probably be opposed by The Society.

Yours faithfully,

John Greer (Vice Chairman, The Haslemere Society)