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Dear Sir,

WA/2020/0812 Longdene House Area D, Haslemere – objection

The Haslemere Society (THS) wishes to object to this application.

The applicant has outline permission for a dwelling on this site, based on the fact that it will replace the existing glasshouse and some outbuildings. These are small scale, single storey buildings. The dwelling proposed in this application, although smaller than previously envisaged (in WA/2019/1692) is still significantly larger than the buildings it is intended to replace. It is not at all clear that this is what was envisaged when the outline permission was granted since a building of the scale proposed will be much more intrusive in the landscape than the existing buildings. The site is within the AONB and, because of its elevation, visible for some distance. Every effort should be made to ensure, both in scale and in design, that the new dwelling does not detract from the landscape that so many residents and visitors enjoy. We consider that the current proposal does not in any way meet the requirement to conserve and enhance this very special AONB landscape and it should be rejected for this reason.

THS therefore fully supports the submission made by the Surrey Hills AONB Adviser objecting to this application.

Separately, as with previous applications on this site, we note that the approach taken by the applicant of obtaining outline permission and then seeking 'reserved matters' permission on a piecemeal basis makes it impossible for either the public or the planning authorities to properly assess the overall impact of the proposed scheme. We respectfully suggest that Waverley planners ask the applicant to put forward a detailed plan showing their intentions for the entire site to enable the local community to engage constructively with the proposals.

Kind regards

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On behalf of The Haslemere Society Planning Group