



The Planning Officer  
Waverley Borough Council  
Western Planning Committee  
BY EMAIL

6<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Dear Sir

THE ROYAL SCHOOL HASLEMERE, THE ROYAL JUNIOR SCHOOL, WA/2023/01309 - Objection

The Haslemere Society wishes to object to the above planning application on the following grounds:

1. The site is located within the Surrey Hills AONB and is therefore protected against development. The case made for development thereon is unconvincing and does not meet the strict requirements for AONB development exemption.
2. The provision of fresh water supply to Haslemere and its environs is under severe strain and has resulted in serious outages in and around the town in recent years. We understand that Thames Water has no plans to increase the capacity of supply to Haslemere. The proposed addition of 110 dwellings to the water demand will exacerbate this serious problem.

The Haslemere Society notes that the applicants acknowledge the original house as a non-designated heritage asset and that they are committed to protecting the exterior with sympathetic landscaping for the gardens. We are aware, as a non-designated heritage asset, the building's interior has no formal protection. However, given the intact fine interior we hope any conversion can be achieved with the minimal loss of historic fabric.

Yours Sincerely

D Smith (by email)  
(on behalf of The Haslemere Society Planning Group)