



The Planning Officer
Waverley Borough Council
Western Planning Committee
BY EMAIL



13th March 2023

Dear Sir

Application No. SC/2023/00439 - **OBJECTION**

The Haslemere Society wishes to add its support to those objecting to this application by stating that in our opinion there is an absolute need for an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the proposed development of the Royal School, Hindhead site.

The fact that this is the largest development for many years situated on and within Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and so close to the Wealden Heath 2 Special Protection Area where there are protected Ancient Woodlands on the site and reportedly rare species, seems to declare a self-evident need for such an EIA.

Failing to conduct a full environmental assessment would in our opinion amount to professional planning negligence given its proximity to so many Sites of Special Scientific Interest and Special Protection Areas.

Natural England make the obvious point that the accompanying material supplied with the consultation confirms the likely significant effects on statutorily designated nature conservation sites or landscapes. They make the further observation that further assessment is definitely required and not least an EIA.

Given the scale and the significant impact that such a development will have based on its location as described above, the Haslemere Society formally requests that the planning authority performs its statutory obligation to conduct an EIA in accordance with Regulation 5(4) of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 and not be persuaded by any third party that it is not required.

Yours Sincerely

C L R Boobyer
On behalf of The Haslemere Society – Planning Group