

30th January 2025.

Mr Ben White.

Dear Mr White,

Appeals APP/X2410/C/24/3357878 / APP/X2410/C/24/338006.

Brand Hill House, Woodhouse Eaves.

Further to my public consultations submissions to Charnwood Borough Council planning application P/24/0258/2. I would be grateful if my further observations / objections could be considered when deciding the appeals listed above. I understand my previous submissions will be available to the Inspector.

I refer to the previous decision notice for appeal APP/X2410/W/22/3308383 in response to Charnwood Borough Council's refusal of planning application P/22/0771/2.

I note it is stated the domestic activity through the comings and goings along the track combined with the lighting, both result in harm to the character and appearance of the CA. by eroding the existing 'hidden' relationship between the woods and the large houses. The proposal would not therefore preserve the character and appearance of the CA.

I understand that the lighting is to be removed but it was stated that both result in harm. There was also reference to the use of the track is now more intensive for domestic access use than just for the maintenance of the wood and maintenance of the paddock.

In my view, with this information from a previous appeal, it is not so much the gates but the extra domestic activity which is causing this proposal not to preserve the character and appearance of the CA. Encroaching into this established countryside, having a detrimental effect on the ecology of the wood, with this extra domestic activity. Remembering this is a wooded area in the heart of Charnwood Forest.

I respectfully ask if the Inspector has sight of the Woodhouse Neighbourhood Plan Pre-Submission Consultation responses documentation, with the details contained in appendix 7 (item 96). I understand the Woodhouse Neighbourhood Plan is afforded full weight when deciding planning matters. Therefore, I conclude this proposal does not conform with policy contained within the Woodhouse Neighbourhood Plan.

In my opinion, because Woodhouse Eaves is central to the Charnwood Forest which is aspiring to become a UNESCO Global Geopark. This suggests this is another reason for Conservation Areas within the Charnwood Forest should be protected from such domestic activity proposed by this development, outside the limits to development.

With the details noted in the previous appeal decision notice, including reference to being contrary to policies of the Charnwood Local Plan Core Strategy and the Woodhouse Neighbourhood Plan Policy, which I believe carries full weight when deciding planning matters, I respectfully ask that the appeals are dismissed.

Yours sincerely,

Councillor David Snartt.

Charnwood Borough Councillor.

Forest Bradgate Ward.