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Comments: To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to formally object to the planning permission application for the proposed development of 50 houses in the woodland area off Cottage Lane, Gamesley, Glossop, Derbyshire.

My objections are based on the following key points:

1. Reduction of Green Land and Woodland Spaces

The woodland off Cottage Lane is a precious green space that supports a high level of biodiversity. Unfortunately, in this country, green spaces are quickly diminishing, especially those that can support the same level of biodiversity as this particular woodland. These ecosystems take hundreds of years to develop, and the damage caused by their loss is irreversible. This woodland is home to a variety of wildlife, including hedgehogs, badgers, bats, and deer. Importantly, species such as hedgehogs and bats are already facing significant threats and are in decline nationwide. The destruction of their habitat would have devastating effects on their populations.

2. Availability of Brownfield Sites

There are numerous brownfield sites within the area that are ideal for development. These sites have already been disturbed and are better suited for construction projects, thereby preserving our valuable green spaces. Opting to develop on this woodland instead of utilising available brownfield sites is both irresponsible and detrimental to the natural environment in Derbyshire.

3. Increase in Traffic

The proposed development would significantly increase traffic in an already busy and congested area. This would lead to further delays and a reduction in air quality, contributing to health and environmental issues. Additionally, the local infrastructure, including limited parking, is not equipped to handle this increase in traffic, which would exacerbate congestion problems.

4. Lack of Local Resources

The local area already faces a shortage of essential resources such as doctors, schools, dentists, and nurseries. The addition of 50 new houses would place further strain on these services, reducing the quality of life for existing residents and making it difficult for newcomers to access necessary amenities. The infrastructure simply cannot support such a significant increase in population without considerable investment and development of these essential services.

5. Threat to Local Wildlife and Plant Species

The woodland area off Cottage Lane is home to various threatened wildlife and plant species. In addition to hedgehogs and bats, which are both protected species, the area supports badgers, which are also legally protected under the Protection of Badgers Act 1992. Additionally, the presence of deer indicates a healthy and biodiverse ecosystem. The woodland itself contains ancient trees and plant species that are vital to the local ecosystem. The destruction of this habitat would not only lead to the loss of these species but also disrupt the ecological balance of the area.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the proposed development is fundamentally flawed and environmentally damaging. It threatens to destroy a historic house on Cottage Lane and an irreplaceable natural habitat that has taken centuries to develop. Additionally, there is a concern that some of the comments supporting this planning application may be fake, which raises serious questions about the integrity of the process. I strongly urge the planning committee to reject this application and to consider more sustainable and responsible development options that do not compromise our natural heritage or overburden our local resources.

Yours faithfully, Nathan Cutler

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