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Site Address: Toddbrook Ancient Woodland and Adjacent grassland Start Lane Whaley Bridge Derbyshire SK23 7EJ

Comments by: Roger WoodHaddon Paper Ltd

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Submission: Objection

Comments: I object to the application on a number of points. I don't believe either the Forestry Commission or Woodland Trust would recommend the need for a building with toilets/washroom etc and would like to see evidence of this. You would not store expensive equipment in an unsecure locations and the building is out of proportion to any requirements. If the applicant is so concerned about the invasive rhododendrons why has he done virtually nothing since the last application was refused. In the last application he required Quad Bikes and now it is an All Terrain Vehicle and we wonder what will be next. We directly overlook the site and after the last application was refused the shed and white van were removed but the latter returned in August 2023 and has been there ever since plus a sailing dingy arrived earlier this year. The applicant states it is a 4 year operation to remove the Rhododendrons but this could be done far sooner if he was really interested in doing so. In the supporting document, 3.2.2 there is mention of temporary caravans for worker which would have to be located on the terraced area which would clearly be visible to a number of properties on Start Lane and this we strongly object to. As stated in my previous objection to the application (HPK/2018/0426) I have no issues with the removal of the Rhododendrons but believe the applicant has other longer term ideas to develop the site and the removal of the shrubs is just a cover for further development. He refers again to the buildings at Walker Brow Farm but this is a working farm and not a site which is visited infrequently by the owner and if he was seriously concerned about the invasive species on the land he would have done something before now. I therefore ask for the application to be refused.

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