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We write to formally object to would like to planning application HPK/2026/0049 and ask that the planning officer takes account of the following concerns -

Our primary concern is about the proposed access road onto the site and the hard standing/ turning area .

As residents of The Wash living about 100m from the wood , we drive up the lane daily , the exit from a new access road is immediately adjacent to a blind corner on a single track lane , this raises road safety concerns . There have been previous accidents at this corner and extra vehicle movements could significantly increase the risks.

A further concern about the access road is that the wood has had Japanese knotweed . This invasive species has been established for many years , a recent survey undertaken with a potential purchase confirmed that the knotweed has spread throughout the site. Effective treatment can take several years .
This application does not mention knotweed at all - which leads us to think there is no plan for preventing spread of this during the work. This is a major concern and could make this significant issue worse .

Thirdly again about the access road is that there may be potential to damage the roots of the trees when the road is being dug out in order to improve the gradient . The Scots Pine trees in the wood were mature trees on a postcard from 1907 (image attached) . Any damage to these would mean an irreversible loss to the character of the area.



The barn itself seems very large for the couple of sheep that have been kept in a tent in the wood. The wood is less than acre and being dense woodland has no grazing at all - so not really any potential to keep larger numbers of livestock in the future.

This ancient woodland is in a conservation area and has been undisturbed for many years and provides a valuable habitat for wildlife . It is not agricultural land and turning into a small farm would disturb the ecology of the wood and would not benefit wildlife.

The definition of a conservation area is to conserve and enhance the environment- this application does not seem to do either of those things.

For the reasons outlined above we request this application should be refused

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