

Planning application reference – P20/SO 737/FUL

Introduction

This application refers to the creation of a new access on to the A4130 from the proposed development of Orchard Hill House. The Brightwell-cum-Sotwell Parish Council (B-c-SPC) wishes to oppose the creation of a new access to the main road.

Reasons for Objections –

The development is taking place in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). In the first application the Planning Officer refers to the trees adjacent to the main road forming a prominent feature of the area. The removal of any of these trees to create an entrance will destroy the rural entrance to the site.

The A4130 is already an extremely busy road and is the main route connecting Wallingford with Didcot and a through road to the many other destinations. Traffic levels are increasing dramatically with the housing developments in both of these towns. To introduce another entrance in this part of the A4130 is in the Parish Council's view is unnecessary and unacceptable. There are already 13 entrances in a 1500 metre stretch of road between the first and second entrances to Brightwell upon leaving Wallingford. These serve farms, a church, and 4 business and a nursing home, most with shared accesses.

The current access to Orchard Hill House is part of a bridleway which crosses the main road to connect on the other side of the A4130. This unmade up road is wrongly described in the planning statement as another route into the village, this is incorrect. It is the main access for three houses and a fruit farm.

The B-c-SPC do not wish to create a precedent for other residents to apply for individual access down this short stretch of road.

The existing entrance has in the past been maintained to allow the bridleway to be used together with a farm track and Orchard Hill House without problems.

Also, a well-used metallised footpath runs alongside the A4130 from the top of the hill down to the roundabout at Wallingford, the proposed entrance would cut across this and create a further unnecessary hazard to pedestrians and cyclists.

Much of South Oxfordshire lovely country roads are becoming urbanised through insensitive road schemes which puncture the landscape, this amendment to the original planning application is in the Parish Councils view unacceptable and unnecessary,

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