

Dear Mr Neil Jones

Thank you for your recent printed sheet (23.10.17) to inform us of changes made to the above application known as Brook Green, West Braintree. The revised version of the Addendum Environmental Statement (ES) from Acorn Holdings. ES tracked Changes, Non-Technical Summary, Chapter 9, 18, Oct 2017.

Landscape and Visual Impacts, Page 7, Sections 1.35 to 1.39.

It is physically impossible for 1600 houses ,roads, a school, a surgery and other buildings to visually blend in with the present surrounding landscape, open fields, Country Park, woodland, a pond, rough grassland, a drainage basin and a water course. This is known as the countryside which the proposed development will destroy. To use the term blending in this regard is a travesty of the use of language and can not be justified by the PPML consultants hired to make this type of statement on behalf of the Development Company Acorn Holdings. So we urge the planning authority to disregard the assertions in ES document as being factually inaccurate and misleading to the point of falsity.

All the assertions made on pages 7 and 8 to include sections 1.40 to 1.41 are speculative in nature and do not offer any facts or measurements that can be independently verified by an outside source to confirm the conclusions stated in the ES document and as such should be discounted by the planning Authority as unhelpful and misleading to them in reaching a judgement on planning consent for the proposed development at Brook Green, West Braintree.

Ecology and Nature Conservation

Pages 8 and 9.

Section 1.42 a desk based assessment has not sufficient rigour for the area concerned, a survey by a remote presence is not a substitute for a full biological survey over a period of time as required to confirm the number and type of species present, which have the protection of EU legislation on endangered species a regulation that must be complied with by the contractor working on behalf of the developer.

Section 1.43 to 1.46, ES

It is un- necessary to create attenuation features in the areas referred to, the wooded embankments of the Flitchway Country Park and the Pods Brook drainage basin, pond, and water course. The removal of endangered species and scrub from land inhabited by these endangered species is not required and would be in breach of EU directives on endangered species if it was undertaken by a contractor on behalf of the developer.

This work is not required on the listed sites which can become nature reserves so as to safeguard the existence of endangered creatures in their current habitats. This would be the preferred option of the Fritchway volunteers in preserving the unique features of the Country Park west of Braintree for future generations to enjoy as an unspoilt right of way through Northeast Essex.

The Fritchway group find the revised ES document is inadequate to the task of protecting the landscape features mentioned and the wild life to be found in the areas we have quoted. Much attention is given to mitigation in the document of the destructive practices to be employed by contractors to alter the landscape to the requirements of the developer. The mitigation mentioned is without specific reference to how it would be carried out or monitored for the clarification needed to satisfy council officials who would inspect and oversee this proposed scheme.

Therefore we strongly recommend that the Braintree Council reject this planning application on behalf of Acorn Holdings for the reasons we have given in this submission and the other submissions we have made which still remain as valid to today as when first submitted to the Council in opposition to the proposed development named as Brook Green.

Written on behalf of the Friends of the Fritchway, Rayne, Essex.

Yours Faithfully

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