



APPLICATION PL/21/4632/OA, LAND BETWEEN BURTONS LANE AND LODGE LANE LITTLE CHALFONT

OBJECTION BY LITTLE CHALFONT PARISH COUNCIL AND LITTLE CHALFONT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION. RESPONSE TO FURTHER INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY THE APPLICANT IN FEBRUARY 2022

Thank you for Ms Peplow's letter of 10 February inviting comments on the further information submitted by the applicant.

The comments below supplement but do not replace or amend the contents of our main joint objection, posted on 19 January 2022.

Ecology

We have considered the addendum ecological information submitted by the applicant and uploaded to Buckinghamshire Council's planning portal on 8 and 9 February 2022. **The attached review of this addendum by Bioscan**, whose first review of submitted ecological information was provided as Appendix C to our objection posted on 19 January, represents our views. Bioscan's conclusions on the addendum are as follows.

4.1.1 The conclusions provided in the January 2022 Bioscan report remain unchanged. As noted in the introduction of this report, the above serves as a 'high level' review of the submitted addendum ecological information; and once the relevant information has been provided by the Applicant then the ecology reports can be subject to further detailed examination. Further, it would appear that the Applicant has not addressed the comments provided in the January 2022 Bioscan report, or the response by Buckinghamshire Council's ecology officer. Consequently, based on the information provided by the Applicant thus far, a full and robust assessment of all the submitted ecological documents cannot be made.

4.1.2 In respect of the Applicant's updated BNG report, the net gain proclaimed by the Applicant appears to be incorrect, by some margin, and on the contrary, it appears that the proposals would result in a negative situation (i.e. a considerable loss of biodiversity, quantified as approaching -18%). Such a loss would be contrary to the Environment Act 2021, and local and national policy. In order to allow for these figures to be examined further, the Applicant should supply the raw spreadsheet calculations to allow for full transparency and public scrutiny, and before any determination of the application is considered.

Highways improvement works, loss of landscape features.

We deplore the proposed additional losses of 4 trees at the Oakington Avenue and Amersham Road/Way junction, and 14 trees on the western side of Lodge Lane north of the

railway bridge (page 5 of the Environmental Statement Addendum). These losses would do further harm to the green environment of the village, and particularly to the rural, sylvan nature of Lodge Lane as a typical Chiltern country lane and border of the AONB.

Other material in the further information submitted

We have no comments to make on the rest of the additional information submitted by the applicant in February, which is already covered by the objections in our original submission. In our view the whole proposal remains completely unacceptable and should be refused.

**Little Chalfont Parish Council
Little Chalfont Community Association**

10 March 2022

ATTACHMENT: REVIEW OF SUBMITTED ADDENDUM ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION, MARCH 2022