

North Mymms District Green Belt Society

RE: Application 6/2023/0001/TPO

The North Mymms District Green Belt Society (“the Society”) objects to the above application for the following reasons.

The relevant trees are situated within the Green Belt; they are protected for good reason and should not be felled except in compelling circumstances.

A report on the trees by arboricultural specialists AAA, (“the Report”) commissioned by Mr Maurice Gammell on behalf of the local residents’ group BLAG has been submitted to the Council by BLAG as part of their opposition to this application. The Society has seen the Report, agrees with it and endorses the comments made by Mr Gammell in his submission on behalf of BLAG. There appear to be no good arboricultural reasons why the trees should be felled at this time.

The applicant states that felling is required now to facilitate temporary road access for construction works but provides no information on what works are envisaged. Any such road would require planning permission which would be vigorously opposed by the Society. The area is within the Green Belt; no developments within it are foreseen by the Draft Local Plan currently being consulted upon by the Council.

The application should be refused.

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