

## Dear East Hoathly Resident,

There is a planning application by Hesmond Stud ([WD/2016/2268/F\\*](#)) to build 2 houses on land at the top of Buttsfield Lane, East Hoathly.

- The application proposes vehicle access from Buttsfield Lane by using a tarmac extension of this private lane over the Wealdway footpath and destruction of hedgerow and trees in order to get width for vehicles and construction traffic.
- Just imagine the chaos that will be caused by construction traffic using Buttsfield Lane! **What right has Hesmond Stud to extend this private road over the public footpath?**
- If the houses are to be occupied by Hesmond Stud employees then it makes more sense for vehicle access to be from the existing stud access road; not across a public footpath. This is further reason for opposing this planning application.
- You can see more at <http://villageconcerns2016.co.uk/planning-applications-of-major-concern/>

**You have until 24/10/2016 to comment on this application.**

**You can do this online or by writing to:**

Wealden District Council (planning)  
Council Offices,  
Vicarage Lane,  
Hailsham,  
BN27 2AX

**Please oppose the Planning Application**

**Feel free to tweak the sample comment overleaf.**

\* <http://www.planning.wealden.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=135618>

## A sample comment to oppose the Planning Application

RE: Planning Application WD/2016/2268/F to build 2 houses on land at the top of Buttsfield Lane, East Hoathly.

I wish to object on the following grounds

### 1) Access

- The application proposes vehicle access from Buttsfield Lane by using a tarmac extension of this private lane over the Wealdway footpath and destruction of hedgerow and trees in order to get width for vehicles and construction traffic.
- If the houses are to be occupied by Hesmond Stud employees then it makes more sense for vehicle access to be from the existing stud access road; not across a public footpath. This is further reason for rejecting this planning application.

### 2) Loss of Amenity

- Buttsfield Lane is a narrow, quiet private lane, supporting a stretch of a public footpath, the Wealdway, which is bordered by trees and ancient hedgerows at the top of the lane. It is popular with ramblers and members of the community; particularly with the elderly and parents with pushchairs, who enjoy a safe, gentle amble to the scenic amenity at the top of the lane. There is no pavement but walking is safe since the lane is not a through-road and supports only infrequent use by resident's cars.
- This is a peaceful and beautiful corner of the village within easy walking access for the community along a private lane and public footpath; it provides an important amenity for exercise and relaxation in a landscape of trees and hedgerows. An increase in traffic will inevitably be dangerous for pedestrians since there is no pavement in the narrow lane.

### 3) Overshadowing and loss of privacy

The proposed proximity of new housing to number 29, a chalet bungalow, is unreasonably close. The lounge picture window of the bungalow will be filled by one side of a new house.

### 4) Errors in the Application Form

#### In section 15. Trees and Hedges

And/or: Are there trees or hedges on land adjacent to the proposed development site that could influence the development or might be important as part of the local landscape character?

Yes  No

This has been answered 'No'. It should be answered 'Yes'.

#### In section 24. Site Visit

Can the site be seen from a public road, public footpath, bridleway or other public land?

Yes  No

This has been answered 'No'. It should be answered 'Yes'.