

Comments for Planning Application 24/00031/FUL

Application Summary

Application Number: 24/00031/FUL

Address: Site In Grounds Of Kingsmeadows House Kingsmeadows Kingsmeadows Road Peebles
Scottish Borders

Proposal: Variation to condition 7 of planning permission 19/00182/PPP

Case Officer: Ranald Dods

Customer Details

Name: Mr Dominic Ashmole

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Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Designated Conservation Area
- Detrimental to environment
- Trees/landscape affected

Comment: It is very apparent from this application that the applicants want to avoid any commitment to protecting this important woodland site. Hundreds of local people objected to the prior application, and many of their concerns were reflected in the condition that the applicant now seeks to neutralise.

To be clear, the applicant seeks to delete an obligation to specify a management plan for "the remainder of the parkland/woodland, detailing maintenance, curtilage, access and boundary treatment proposals. That should include for an open plan area along the riverbank north of the development, free from individual gardens, fences, gates and other structures."

They also seek to delete the purpose of the above, namely "To maintain the character and open nature of the grounds [within and] surrounding the site and to protect the character and appearance of the conservation area."

From the above we can see that the applicants have no intention of respecting the strong feelings of local people regarding the importance of this woodland for both nature and public amenity, and are seeking to remove a key condition that was hard-won through time-consuming and stressful local campaign.

I urge the council not to grant this application, which is yet another case of developers seeking to "wear down" local people by involving them in difficult, obscure, and protracted planning battles.

Local people have already made their views abundantly clear. Please continue to listen.