

Comments for Planning Application 24/00247/FUL

Application Summary

Application Number: 24/00247/FUL

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

Proposal: Application under Section 42 to vary planning conditions 2 and 7 of planning permission 19/00182/PPP (erection of residential apartments) to vary wording of conditions

Case Officer: Ranald Dods

Customer Details

Name: Miss Apithanny Bourne

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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
- Detrimental to Residential Amenity
- Trees/landscape affected

Comment: Good afternoon,

I am writing to object to planning application 24/00247/FUL and to strongly urge Scottish Borders Council to continue protecting this important area for conservation.

Kingsmeadows House is a site of high biodiversity value and an important component of the wider ecosystem. The area is not only abundant in wildlife and ancient woodland indicator species, but important habitat restoration work has also been undertaken to further increase local biodiversity. Ancient woodland habitat is rare within the Scottish Borders and those remaining should be protected for the benefit of both the environment and people. I remain extremely concerned that any development within the woodland will have a significant negative impact on the wildlife both within and beyond this important site.

It is well documented that time spent outdoors in nature is beneficial to both physical and mental well-being - as such, the woodland at Kingsmeadows is an incredibly important asset to the local community. During my time working there through the Tweed Meadows Project, it became abundantly clear how valuable the site is to residents and visitors, and how passionate they feel regarding its protection.

The developers have shown little regard towards the well-being of local people or consideration of impacts to the environment. I strongly recommend the council reject this application and continue to protect this irreplaceable resource.

Kind regards,

Apithanny Bourne.

(Tweed Meadows Project manager, Borders Forest Trust Trustee, Chair East Scotland Butterfly Conservation)