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Subject: Planning Application DM/25/1328

To
Mr S Galyas
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Dear Mr Galyas,

Subject: Planning Application Number DM/25/1328 for a Certificate of Lawful Existing use in respect of the continued use of land as a recreational cross-country driving course for 4-wheel drive vehicles on Land South of Shepherds, Colwood Lane, Bolney, Haywards Heath.

I wish our name and address to be redacted from all published documents on this matter

We are writing in connection with the above planning application.

We have been residents in Jeremys Lane, Bolney since 2006 and cannot be other than aware of the traffic and operation of the 4x4 operations off Colwood Lane due to the noise and speeding of 4x4s and trailers that pass our property when the site is being operated.

We also regularly walk past the site on our daily walks and are aware that the site has only been operated every first Sunday of each month with the occasional extra days operation more recently in the last 6 months or so.

We contradict the claim that the site has been operated for more that 28 days per year for 10 years for activities described in the planning application.

The applicant states that his facebook pages shows evidence of use in excess of 28 days. However analysis of his information actually shows he has not operated the site in excess of the 28 days a year over a ten year period.

We have tolerated this 4x4 operation as we believed it had permission to operate for 28 days per year. However we are extremely surprised that this activity is allowed in an ANOB, with the consequent noise, pollution, environmental damage and the safety implications to walkers, bike and horse riders and other vehicles on our narrow country lanes caused by speeding 4x4s and trailers.

This all seems to contravene the duty to seek further conservation and enhancement of the natural beauty of the AONB.

A potential further allowance to increase these activities cannot, under any circumstances, be justified or allowed.

Finally we would state that the the site is visible from Colwood Road in parts and there is photographic evidence, taken from the road , that the site has, on numerous occasions, had rubble tipped on the site,

presumably to use to fill in the damage to the site to keep it operating, which blatantly ignores any consequent potential pollution and contamination issues in the AONB.

There is also photographic evidence of recent camping of 4x4 participants on the site.

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Yours Sincerely

