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Sent: 09 June 2025 20:38
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Planning application Number DM/25/1328

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Dear Mr Galyas,

I am writing in connection with the 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, West Sussex, also known as Piccadilly Wood.

As a resident of this area since 1989 living in both Jeremy's Lane and now Colwood Lane, I have been very aware of the traffic to Piccadilly Woods where the 4x4 rally's have been held. I refute the applicants claims that the site has been used for rallies for more than 28 days a year over a 10 year period. I am very aware of the days a rally is being held as the owners tractor/ digger trundles past my house first thing on the morning ready to open up the site, this is then followed by 4 wheel drive vehicles with or without trailers coming past, before reversing their journey in the afternoon. This is the first Sunday of most months with the very occasional extra day giving a maximum total of 15 events. We certainly would have complained to the council if these days had been exceeded. I note that there is no financial record submitted by the applicant to back up his claims to show use beyond 28 days a year over the past 10 years, which I feel undermines the balance of probability of their claims.

The applicant states that his Facebook pages show evidence of use in excess of 28 days- I refute this claim as on inspection of his FB page it clearly shows that he has not operated in excess of 28 days a year over any 10 year period.

I have been affected by the noise of these vehicles revving as they get stuck in the mud, plus the noise as they rattle down these lanes. I cycle with my young grandchildren when they are riding out on their ponies and I have had many times to leap into the road to flag them down as they come very fast round the corners, with the ponies taking fright leading to dangerous situations. These are country lanes, very narrow with no verges or pavements so there is no "safety hard shoulder" for us. We try to keep out of the way on the first Sunday of each month when we know the rallies are held, and we have tolerated these, but if they were held more often than this it would make life very difficult for us. MSDC Planning Council needs to take into consideration the views of the people who live, work and play in this area as if this application was to be approved it would seriously impact all of us in Colwood Lane, Cross Colwood Lane, Jeremy's Lane, Foxhole Lane as well as the wider area.

These woods used to be an attractive unspoilt area, now it's full of mud tracks, trees have been damaged and the watercourse undermined. This site is within the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and I find it hard to believe that the council is prepared to let this land be further damaged by allowing rallies to be held on a possible 7 days a week, 52 weeks of the year. Surely councils have a duty to protect these areas? This disruption to our neighbourhood and to those of us who live nearby would be totally unacceptable.

I hope that you and the council are prepared to listen to those of us who live in this area and who would be affected by this application.

Yours sincerely

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