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Hi there, I'm getting in contact regarding the planning application for putting the great stuff down on our neighbours roadside field up at the church of Scientology.

Apologies I didn't make the planning application but we run outdoor adventure courses and I was running one up in the Peak District for the last few weeks and have finally caught up with things down here, So please could you add this to the planning application,

I'm in support of it, Two main reasons..... Actually three main reasons I guess!

the first being, Having seen this grid system or similar used at various different venues over my many years in rugby and outdoor education I feel it only improves the environment rather than ruins it! in fact what does ruin it is when places don't have it and still need extra parking, Because when the latter happens in our very wet country of England things tend to turn into a muddy bog very quickly, Some of the country shows/venues I have attended have to use those massive Jigsaw type plastic sheets that are very rigid, These work well at keeping cars clean from muddy tires but in these times of austerity and looking at the bigger picture thinking about the environmental impact I imagine it's quite heavy on fuel prices for transport and carbon in their transportation?

To compound the sheets finally I think you'll find that they rot the grass underneath them and don't let the grass breathe or release Cleaned oxygen through Photosynthesis, Grass also acts as a dense filter trapping air ball dust pollen and pollutants as well as they are impermeable and therefore create Localised flooding.

But back to the direct affects to the local community:

1) We've been a rugby family ever since I can remember having played myself and then watching my son play through to a high standard as he still does now, East Grinstead rugby club puts on so many tournaments and I'm aware that the guys at Saint Hill allow them to park on their field which is quite Neighbourly wouldn't you say? However they can't let them park on it when it is really wet because it will just make a mess and the cars will get stuck, So what we end up with is a danger to both pedestrians and other traffic when there seems to be no choice but to park on both sides of the verges of the road adjacent to Saint Hill and the rugby club! If they were allowed to use the grid system they wish to install it would be year round use as we know the main season for rugby is when it is most wet. Surely this can only improve things for all of us in the rugby and sporting community? I don't know if I'm right fact with my next statement but I do believe the sports club also use their field on the occasion when they have large events being held and don't have enough parking Themselves?

2) We operate the mountain bike park/adventure park Where we train and develop young people using Outdoor adventure education Through our CIC.

Our CIC called Access2Adventure actively works with the local schools of East Grinstead targeting the 10% that are regular non-School attenders, School absences are for many reasons and cannot be attributed to one social economic demographic however social deprivation does play a massive role in a large percentage of these children (Which at 10% adds up to 600 children of School age in East Grinstead catchment area) and we have provided free courses with continued Follow-up sessions in their own schools afterwards purely through the funding that Saint Hill charity gala gave us three years ago!

To this day we have and still are providing courses totally free of charge for hundreds of young people from our surrounding schools as well as subsidised courses for local schools who have identified children in need of financial help to be given the same chance as everybody else in the world of developmental Outdoor adventure education.

Without the funding from the Charity gala I can say, without a doubt the local community would be negatively affected! Along with many of our local staff not being employed on the courses I've mentioned above.

Having had a chat to the team at Saint Hill I gather that without the planning notice being granted and then being allowed to lay this grid system that seems to work very well at other locations, They will not be able to continue with their charity work in the area, And please don't forget We are just one of the charitable or non-for-profit organisations they help every year, The charity gala alone supporting five charities at every event!

I do hope I haven't been too direct although I guess facts are facts and I hope I've come across in a positive light, I don't totally Understand the world of planning but And you probably hear this all the time at the moment..... It confuses me when ever more houses/Estates are being built on Precious and beautiful greenland at the drop of a hat yet things like this are not given the go-ahead?

I understand we need more housing and I also understand that Where I live it was probably once Green woodlands/fields

But what would be the reason for not giving the go-ahead to this?

Many thanks for your time and all the best,

