

Stefan Galyas

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Sent: 11 June 2025 12:39
To: Stefan Galyas
Subject: PLANNING APPLICATION DM/25/1328

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Dear Mr Galyas

I am writing in connection with the above planning application in which Piccadilly Wood is used as a recreational 4x4 driving course.

I have read the application put forward by Mr and Mrs Perver and wholly refute their claims.

I have lived in Colwood Lane just north of this site for 20 years and have put up with, along with all the other residents, the once a month use of this wood as a driving course.

Any more than once a month and Mid Sussex Council would have received an unprecedented amount of complaints.

This site has NOT been used for more than 28 days a year over a period of 10 years.

This is an absolute untruth and one which the applicant is hoping will validate his application to use this site 7 days a week all year round.

On the one Sunday of every month that this course is being used, we all know about it! The noise is constant and loud due to the vehicles revving up around the course and especially when they get stuck in the mud.

One can hear the noise even inside with all doors and windows shut. It's not pleasant and on a day we would like to enjoy the garden it makes it impossible to do so.

The vehicles drive at speed along the tiny lanes around us and the drivers have zero consideration for the residents nor for walkers, cyclists, horse riders who are out and about at the same time. There are a lot of public footpaths in the area which are well used both during the week and weekends. Having the course open all week would certainly be a hazard and potentially very dangerous due to the lack of care and speed at which vehicles are driven. Lots of mud is sprayed around the road which makes it very slippery especially when wet for walkers and cyclists. Some vehicles are loaded onto trailers which take up more space on the lanes and what's more some of the vehicles break down blocking the lanes completely.

We came across a scenario when a broken down car blocked the lane and when I politely asked how long they were likely to be trying to fix it, I was met with utter disdain and was sworn at. These people as I say, are not polite and have no care or consideration for the disruption, chaos, mess that they cause.

The lanes around this area have limited verges let alone pavements so the idea that this site could operate 7 days a week all year round is absolutely preposterous and totally ridiculous. Common sense must prevail. This is a semi rural area in the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The wood has been practically decimated with a lot of trees cut down and a lot more trees suffering as a result of this activity. The site is also partly visible from the road which is not in keeping with its surroundings. There has been a vague attempt to conceal a small part of the site from the road with a wood chip barrier.

Yours sincerely

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