

Enviromental Issues:

While much attention is given to grass, shrubs and trees in the planning documents submitted, there is essentially no mention made of the impact the new parking areas will have on burrowing animal life. Specifically, Field Voles, Wood Mice, Common Shrews.

Except for the Common Shrew, which falls under Schedule 6 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act, none of these animals fall under a protected status. Their significance is as prey for other animals, such as foxes, weasels, stoats, kestrels, barn owls, and in particular, Tawny Owls, which rely on a steady diet of Wood Mice in order to breed.

While they primarily feed on the surface, all of these are burrowing animals. Wood Mice create extensive tunnel networks, with chambers for nesting and food storage, year round. Field Voles and Common Shrews burrow tunnels used primarily to escape predators, which are expanded into nesting chambers during winter months.

The diagrams within QED Structures document, "*Site 1 Car Park Flood Risk Assessment and Surface Water Drainage*", Page 34 - Typical Paving Details, show how the proposed excavation and paving methods for Juhring Field will destroy, and permanently eliminate, a large area of field habitat for these animals.

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The '*Stabilized Grass Surface*' diagram shows excavation to an approximate depth of 338mm is required for proper installaton, as follows:

38mm thick: Gopla Grass & Gravel Stabilization Grid
100mm thick: Bedding Layer for grass roots
250mm thick: Type-3 Aggregate Sub-base
Terram 1000 Non Woven Geotextile Seperator directly on soil

The Stabilization Grid will effectively block horizontal tunnel digging, while the aggregate sub-base will prevent burrowing deep enough to create nesting chambers.

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The '*Permeable Tarmac Car Park*' diagram shows excavation to an approximate depth of 120mm is required for proper installation, as follows:

30mm thick: Porous Asphalt Surface Course
70mm thick: Porous Asphalt Binder Course
20mm thick: Clean Crushed Stone Sub-base

Terram 1000 Non Woven Geotextile Separator directly on soil

The asphalt and crushed stone will completely block and tunneling and nest building.

Traffic Issues:

The planning documents submitted give the impression the proposed new entrance and additional parking areas will eliminate traffic issues experienced in the past on Saint Hill Road during events. Looking at past traffic issues, it is obvious this is not the case. The primary cause of the long backups on Saint Hill Road is site security have to check every vehicle, and it's occupants, as it enters to insure only invited dignitaries and Scientologists, in what they refer to as Good Standing, are admitted to the event. They want to be absolutely sure no outside reporters, critics, or protestors are admitted.

Hobbs Field Marquee Area Base Issues:

The plan calls for a number of permanent base pads to be installed in Hobbs field to support the marquee used for the annual International Association of Scientologists event. The diagram within QED Structures document, "Site 1 Car Park Flood Risk Assessment and Surface Water Drainage", Page 34 - Typical Paving Details, shows these pads as being 450mm high. There is a note stating a minimum 585mm height is required to allow for storage, but no explanation of how the additional 135mm of height will be accomplished.

This appears to be a "bad faith" request, based on the following:

2023: Scientology erected the marquee and held there IAS event without Planning Permission

2024: The marquee was again erected without planning permission, and a Planning Contravention Notice was issued.

2025: In spite of the Planning Contravention Notice, the marquee was again erected without Planning Permission.

In all three instances it is apparent Scientology felt they could erect their marquee, and hold the event, before Mid Sussex Planning could react to the situation. Thereby avoiding the time, trouble, and expenses involved with requesting Planning Permission properly.

What the requested permanent pads will do is dramatically decrease the time it takes to erect the marquee. Making it even easier for Scientology to bypass the Planning

process and still hold their event. For that reason alone, permission for these pads should be denied, even if the rest of the plan is approved.
