

To whom it may concern,

Thank you so much for helping with this situation. My comment is as follows.

As a local resident I wish it to be taken into account the following:

A planning contravention notice was issued to the Church of Scientology last year after erecting a 45,000 sq ft marquee to host their annual IAS event in October. The structure dwarfs their castle and Grade 2 listed Manor, and is a blot in an area of natural beauty, visible from nearby Standen and Gravetye Manor.

Despite this, the structure has again been erected without permission, and 4 tents can be seen clearly from Gravetye Manor. This road is not suitable for events of this size, there is a perfectly suitable site only 6.2 miles away, a 13 minute drive, at the South of England Showground.

As a local resident and dog owner who walks this road and the surrounding areas regularly, the extra traffic, blocked highway with planters, barriers and balloons etc along with poor lighting puts us at unnecessary risk.

I am concerned about the blatant disregard of public safety. I am further concerned about the public being invited to these events not knowing there is no planning permission.

I would like to know how allowing damage to an area of outstanding natural beauty, as shown in the Church of Scientologys own photo submission, is being permitted again. Surely a stop must be put on this construction.

Where is the publics assurance this structure is safe and has neccessary access for Fire/ Ambulance etc if required. Last year I witnessed a Fire Engine struggle to get into the Rugby Club during the traffic chaos caused by this event. I also witnessed people being put at risk walking up a pitch black country road with inadequate lighting.

The law has been defied yet again. This application is for parking at the event, a toilet block and bases for the Marquee. The Marquee is up already, the event is intended to happen with or without legal approval. Please, I beg you to show care and respect for the public and stop this construction immediately.

I therefore respectfully request this application be denied.