

Rye Ashes, Wallage Lane, Rowfant, Turners Hill, Sussex. RH 10 4NH

24.1.2019 Dear Cassandra Low,

APP/D3830/W/18/3217677

Once more with this third cynical appeal Battersea-based Hartmires will not accept that its hideous scheme to deface wonderful countryside and ruin outstanding natural beauty is unwanted by Turners Hill area residents.

Hartmires started by applying for a green burial ground. The green was soon dropped because there is nothing green about covering countryside in tarmac for car parking and sticking up a 'chapel' which would stick out for miles.

We all knew that in no time Hartmires would apply for housing anyway. They did and were rightly refused by the council and your planning inspectorate on appeal. Also Hartmires were ordered to rip up their tarmac mess, fill in the hole left for the so-called chapel and restore the countryside to its previous state.

Instead of doing this they have the nerve to appeal yet again. Why? Nothing has changed. Dead bodies in the ground will still pollute the water table, these fields still drain downhill to form the River Medway source and a River Mole tributary the other. The so-called chapel would still be an eyesore visible miles around and adding a 'barn/workshop' would be worse, both would soon be a block of flats and tarmac would still cover a green field. The scheme still remains not part of the already approved village plan and we still have a perfectly good burial ground at St.Leonard's Church almost opposite with ample capacity for village needs.

On top of all that, traffic going in and out, off an extremely fast road, partially unsighted to cars coming downhill, would still be extremely dangerous. If a speed limit was imposed to solve this it would just create even more gridlock going into Turners Hill. So it doesn't work either way.

Finally, how long do you suppose it would be (bearing in mind how quickly Hartmires went cynically for housing rather than a burial site) before the firm miraculously found there was not the demand for burial it had first thought so instead decided its tarmac for cars and its 'chapel' would be perfect if not for flats then for 'Gatwick parking' with associated office building in the 'chapel' barn/workshop'? Outrageously, even as you consider this appeal they are pre-judging it by applying to the council for five more parking spaces!

We note their new agent is called Ecotecture Ecologial Design. There is nothing Eco about concreting the countryside. We also note the way this appeal was sneaked in between Christmas and New Year. We urge you to send Hartmires packing once and for all, refuse their appeal and order them to restore that land to its previous state. Thank you.

Yours Sincerely,

Cassandra Low,
Planning Inspectorate, Bristol.