

May I respectfully suggest, to refresh your memory prior to any decision, that you personally visit the track and the field? You would be able to see for yourself some of the wildlife and be able to see the location in relation to the school entrance. I would also recommend that you personally observe the traffic at school drop off and collection times.

The only reason I can see to approve this CPO and allow the development to proceed is financial gain for Martlet homes and a gold star for CDC for meeting government targets regardless of the consequences.

The reasons for NOT approving this CPO are endless!

I would be happy to discuss my comments further should you wish to contact me.

Kind regards

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In response to the CDC formal notification of a CPO for the farm track in Crooked Lane, Birdham PO20 7HB, I would like to lodge my objections as follows.

I understand CDC need to prove that it is in the public interest to go ahead with a CPO. How is it possible that this could ever be in the public interest? Directly opposite a busy primary school and children's nursery. At school and nursery drop off and collection times Crooked lane becomes a single carriage way with parked cars along much of the road and the busiest part of Crooked Lane is literally by the entrance to the track, i.e. outside the school entrance. To add the further dangers of additional traffic to this already hazardous location would be totally irresponsible to say the least, and in fact one of the hundreds of objections this development received at a public meeting was "as parents, who can we hold accountable when one of our children is seriously injured or killed as a result of either heavy machinery and lorries during the development or by additional traffic if the development were to proceed?"

The whole process has been ongoing for more than 10 years, why is this? Quite simply local residents don't want it or need it and have been strongly opposed from day one!

Why build in an ANOB when there were far better brownfield options available?

Birdham is a small village and does not have the job opportunities or infrastructure to support continued further developments, especially when literally thousands of new homes have been built, or in the process of construction, in and around the Chichester area.

In November 2016 some "material operations" were carried out to prevent the lapsing of the planning approval. This consisted of quite literally a few fence posts! One would have to question the legality and certainly the morality of this decision. Without doubt CDC should not have considered this a material start. Had a "private" developer purchased the same site without legal access I wonder if CDC would have been so amicable in manipulating the rules.

I also wonder how much tax payers money has already been spent on this catalogue of errors, when quite simply the site was purchased without due diligence.

In addition to my comments above there are numerous environmental reasons for rejecting this CPO, we frequently see deer, bats, foxes, shrew, weasel, badger, grass snakes, hedgehogs, slow worm and so many birds including green woodpeckers, heron and kites, to name just a few. It would be an irreversible tragedy to initiate the destruction of their natural habitat and surroundings.

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