

PARISH COUNCIL OF HAWKHURST

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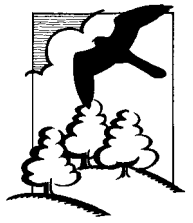
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MEDIA RELEASE



Hawkhurst Parish Council seeks Judicial Review of White House Planning permission

Hawkhurst Parish Council is seeking a Judicial Review of Tunbridge Wells Borough Council (TWBC) decision to grant planning permission for 43 apartments on the White House site.

Councillor Clare Escombe, chairman, Hawkhurst Parish Council said:

"We are concerned that planning applications in Hawkhurst are being determined without proper consideration of the impact on staggered crossroads at Highgate, Hawkhurst. Congestion in the centre of the village is significant and already adversely affects the quality of life for those who live, work and visit our Parish. We are not against all new development, but we expect TWBC planners to fairly and accurately assess the cumulative impact of development on the village's roads."

Cllr Escombe went on:

"Seeking the High Court's permission for a Judicial Review of TWBC's planning decision making process is not something we take lightly. We have tried many other routes, but appeals from the Parish Council and others to take into account the cumulative effect of development on traffic congestion have fallen on deaf ears. We do not have the luxury of time: in addition to the 417 houses proposed for the golf course site, applications for around 150 further dwellings in the village are currently being considered. We believe the residents of Hawkhurst have the right to expect that the cumulative impact of traffic will be properly considered when determining every single one of these applications."

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