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Dear Sirs,

Ref: Planning Application No. 141131, Countesswells Woods and Hazledene.


I am writing to table an objection to the above planning application for an hotel and country club within the purlieu of Hazlehead policies.

With respect to Site A – the projected hotel – one has to ask whether this falls within the guidelines for the Development Plan for the area. If it does not, will this establish a dangerous and potentially regrettable breach of the guidelines which have been set for the whole of the Plan area? In addition, one has to examine the suitability of access to the proposed development. The access to the site is unsuitable and inadequate for the extent of the proposal.

With respect to Site B- the country club and its ancillary developments - the area involved lies within established woodland with a great deal of wildlife. The red squirrel project has been remarkably successful in reviving the population of these animals, there are roe deer, badgers, foxes and birds of many species, not to mention the large numbers of bats which can be seen in the area in the evening. Hazlehead has always been a haven for wildlife and its ecology is long established. The current location of the riding school does not impinge on the wildlife, but should such a facility be surrounded by a multiplicity of holiday houses and increased vehicular traffic, it cannot but have a detrimental effect on the ecosystem.

I would ask that the Planning Committee pay particular attention to these facts when the matter comes up for consideration.

Yours faithfully,


Prudence A. King