

12 September 2018

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**For the attention of Mrs Eleanor Evans**

Dear Sir

**Planning Application Reference HS/TP/18/00678 – Beauport Holiday Park**

We wish to object to this application for the following reasons:

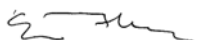
- 1 This application is just the latest of a number of applications already approved to fell trees on the site. The number requested is extremely significant at 71, and because of this fact alone, the application merits being decided by the Planning Committee.
- 2 71 trees represent a significant natural resource, providing habitat for countless creatures, yet neither has the applicant supplied, nor the Council as far as we are aware, requested an environmental assessment of the site and the application, so that the effect on the local ecology of the application may be judged. Therefore the application should not be determined until a satisfactory survey has been made available for public scrutiny.
- 3 The proposal for replacement of any trees destroyed, by planting whips, will neither restore the screening effect of these trees, nor provide the ecological habitat currently provided by the mature trees. A better solution to ensure continuity of purpose for the trees needs to be found.
- 4 The reason why the applicants are requesting the destruction of 71 trees is to prevent damage to a man-made structure – a boundary wall. Surely the simple and effective solution, which would maintain the factors referred to in para 3, would be to remove the wall, which is as contended already damaged, and to replace it for boundary marker purposes with some other form of containment which would allow the trees to flourish.
- 5 The trees do have a significant impact on the AONB of which the site forms part, and this fact is advertised by the applicants on their website:

*“Beauport - a very special place! Beauport park is a beautifully landscaped park nestled on a wooded hillside on the outskirts of Hastings, with easy access from the A21. Regarded as one of the most scenic areas in the region, it's a popular choice for both caravan and lodge owners.*

*Your neighbours will include deer, badgers and other visitors to the park, it's a nature lover's paradise! Beauport has a real country club community atmosphere, centered around its friendly bar. Owners can also use the gym, swimming pool and play area. There are 2 golf courses nearby, so you can take advantage of wonderful scenery and unspoilt nature, plus there's the Bannatyne Spa Hotel & Health Club next door.”*

The destruction of this number of trees, together with those already permitted to be destroyed would therefore have a harmful impact on the AONB, the very attribute that the applicants appear to think is significant in attracting customers.

Yours faithfully



**Stephen Hardy, Trustee**