

PLANNING APPEAL APP/F5540/W/16/3160453

HOUNSLOW HEATH GOLF CLUB

RESPONSE BY FORCE

In September 2015 Friends of the River Crane Environment (FORCE) submitted its objection to the proposals P/2015/3085 at Hounslow Heath Golf Club. In November 2015 FORCE submitted a further response when the proposals were amended. At the same time FORCE also put forward proposals for how any such development may be able to meet the planning requirements of the area as well as the opportunities for improved environmental and community value along the River Crane corridor.

FORCE has reviewed the Statement of Case for Appeal presented to the Planning Inspectorate by the Appellant. The Appeal does not address the substance of FORCE's concerns or the proposals put forward to address them. Accordingly FORCE does not wish to withdraw or amend any of the documents submitted in response to the original application and would like these to be taken into account by the Inspector.

FORCE notes in addition that the Case for Appeal:

- Does not address the policy requirements of ENV N 1.2 with respect to (a) providing special circumstances for development upon Green Belt nor (b) improving the positive role of the Green Belt. The Appellant has made no attempt to engage with FORCE regarding its proposals to enhance the value of the green belt as part of this Appeal process
- Provides no further supporting evidence regarding the need to enhance habitat management as per ENV N 2.4
- Addresses the noise issue solely with respect to residential properties well to the west of the site and not with respect to the value of the immediately adjacent sites of metropolitan importance for nature conservation (Hounslow Heath and Crane Corridor) which currently provide areas of calm and respite for local people as well as a haven for wildlife
- Does not address the issue of light introduction into the middle of the River Crane corridor – thereby significantly impacting the value of this corridor for nocturnal animals including statutorily protected bats

FORCE would welcome the opportunity to engage further with the Appeal process in any means requested by the Inspector.

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