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## Save our Trees! Save our Hedgerows!

We are very worried about the planned removal of a number of trees and hedgerows by Redrow on the Hesmond's Stud site for 205 houses, if it goes forward. Village Concerns have asked for them not to be removed and asked for Tree Preservation Orders to be placed on them by Wealden, three weeks ago and we have had no response from the Tree and Landscape Officer.

Considering the Council declared its own Climate Emergency this is very disappointing and pathetic. There is no reason at all why any trees need to be felled or any hedgerows need to be removed – it simply makes life easier for the building company - removes many years of biodiversity, the green corridors of the village, let alone the beauty of entering East Hoathly from the London Road and would hide the new development, if it proceeds.

Please email both: [planning@wealden.gov.uk](mailto:planning@wealden.gov.uk) and [stacey.robins@wealden.gov.uk](mailto:stacey.robins@wealden.gov.uk) quoting Planning Application number: WD/2022/0341/MAJ making your objection to this particular issue. Give your name and address. Please do separate objections for anyone over 18 in your household.

We attach a photo for you to include with your own emails, which shows the gateway into the Village. In particular, we would like the Oak tree to be retained by Long Pond (the home to protected Great Crested Newts) which Redrow intends to remove. Not only does this Oak provide amenity value for the Village as the Road approaches the Conservation area but it also provides protection for the Pond.

In the photo, Redrow wants to remove the Oak tree on the left as you enter the Village and the footpath in order to form three traffic lanes one of which would be a filter lane to get in and out of the new development. If we get the Oak tree protected, they would have to reconsider this entrance to the development which would be safer for the Village.

Village Concerns sourced a map from Yeakell and Gardner dated 1778-1783 showing hedgerows on the London Road. These are ancient species rich hedgerows and must not be removed. So, it is extremely surprising that Wealden has not responded as they are now aware of this information, as are **all** of Planning Committee South as we sent them the information too.

### **Please object**

We need *your* help. This is for your children's and your grandchildren's future.

### Judicial Review

We are still waiting for the High Court Judge to give his ruling.

### Fundraising

Thank you for coming to the Jubilee Tea. It was a tremendous success and really helped with funding of the Judicial Review.

We have other fundraising events planned for July, August and September. Save the date of September 10<sup>th</sup>!

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