

High Loxley Road is a long meandering private lane, edged with hedgerows, fields and wild flowers.

It provides the tranquil approach that leads to High Billingham Farm... the home, where my family and I have invested our time, energy and savings in developing a **very special wedding venue business** which has gained a unique and outstanding reputation.

Our wonderful approach and idyllic location, with far reaching views towards Hascombe Hill in the AONB, are **key features** that set us apart from many others... and they create the very first impression of our venue.

There is no doubt that considerably widening High Loxley Road... enough to accommodate passing HGVs... the replacement of hedgerows with over 50 metres of security fencing and gates, traffic controls, signage and artificial lighting, **will** completely destroy the rural character and appearance of our approach.

It will be mayhem, particularly as many of our weddings take place on a Friday when the proposed site is fully operational.

The noise and odour from the drilling site itself, which sits between us and our views towards the AONB is less than **100 metres** from our boundary.

together with the 37 metre high oil rig, which is in direct line of sight **and** earshot of our home and wedding venue, our rural setting will be ruined, having an **immediate** and **devastating** impact on our business... our reputation... and our livelihood.

Our venue attracts couples from all over the country and we are licensed to hold up to 50 events a year with up to **8000** visiting guests.

We are already nearly fully booked for 2021 and now taking reservations for 2022.

I would estimate that we generate about £4m a year for the many local Surrey businesses and suppliers that all help to support our events:

caterers, local food producers, serving staff, florists, marquee companies, event planners & technicians, celebrants, photographers, hotels, BnBs, taxis, pubs and of course the local parish churches where ceremonies often take place bringing them essential income and outreach.

Understandably, concerns have **already** been raised by some couples anxious about the possible impact this development may have, with the request to include an additional cancellation policy should they decide not to proceed here as a consequence.

Venues as special as ours are very few and far between, and so the revenue that our business attracts to this part of Surrey will simply vanish.

Permitting this application will not only severely impact **our** business, but **many, many** others locally.

I would therefore urge you to **please** consider this when making your decision, and **refuse** this speculative application, because the adverse impacts clearly outweigh any possible benefit.

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