

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... They create the very first impression of our venue.

There is no doubt that considerably widening High Loxley Road... enough to accommodate two 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 from clients that come to view during the week when weddings are not taking place but the proposed site will be fully operational.

It may only be 338 metres from my home, but the site itself will be less than **100 metres** from our boundary sitting directly between us and our views towards the AONB which form the backdrop for many of our outdoor wedding ceremonies.

The noise, light and odour will be relentless - This speculative exploration site cannot be compared with producing sites such as Storrington or Albury which have been established for over 30 years, are half the size, completely shielded by woodland on all sides and without houses or businesses in close proximity which could be negatively affected by the development.

The 37 metre high oil rig, will be 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 from all over the world and I would estimate that we could conservatively generate in the region of £3.5m - £4m a year for the many businesses and suppliers that all help to support our events the vast majority of which are based in Surrey:

Caterers, local food producers, serving staff (typically about 20 per event), florists, stylists, dressmakers, marquee companies, musicians, event planners, technicians, celebrants, photographers, hotels, BnBs, drinks suppliers including our neighbour at The Crafty Brewing Company, mobile bars, pubs, taxis and not least of all the local parish churches where ceremonies often take place bringing them essential income and outreach.

This is a business that we intend to grow and venues as unique 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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