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Dear Catherine,

Morag and I really appreciate the work you have put into this for us, but in light of these recent developments we have come to the difficult decision to withdraw the application for Village Green status for The Dell.

When we started this journey several years ago, our desire was simply to take up this rare opportunity to try and protect a very special piece of land. We canvassed local people and found that many were very supportive, some from the really old local families, and we met with residents from Pastens Road who, though having mixed feelings, seemed generally interested and not particularly opposed to the idea. Having now seen these responses from the Pastens Road Residents Association members, we were surprised to find them to be unanimously and vehemently against the application.

We have also recently met with a charming gentleman from the Open Spaces Society who volunteered his advice. He had looked at past cases and found that, where the land was owned by a utility company, the application was very unlikely to succeed, based on legal precedent.

We find that we have neither the will to upset anyone nor the influence or money required to help this succeed, and so feel it is best to withdraw the application before the legal stages.

We are reassured by the knowledge that the Pastens Road residents will continue to defend our local area, particularly with the sale of Pastens Childrens' Home looking likely in the future, and we hope that we have at least focussed attention on the irreplaceable value of these interconnected pockets of wild, rural England, providing pathways for the wildlife between each oasis, and essential to the character and value of our area. We are, of course, grateful to the water company, who continue to allow us use of the land.

We wish all those involved well, whether those who submitted letters of support, or those who were against us, knowing that we at least have the common ground of wanting to preserve what is so very special.

Thank you again for your help Catherine.

Jo Chalmers and Morag Roulston

From: Catherine Valiant catherine.valiant@surreycc.gov.uk

Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 1:07 PM

To: Jo Chalmers [REDACTED]

Subject: App 1889 The Dell, Painshill

Good afternoon

Please find attached a .pdf document containing all the objections we have received in relation to your application to register land at Pains Hill, Limpsfield as a Town or Village Green.

I have compiled them into one document and added a table of contents for clarification at the front. The page numbers are in the top right corner (as opposed to those that refer just to the paginated SESW document which are in bottom right).

You now have an opportunity to comment on the contents of that objection. Please respond to the objection by 21 August. On receipt of your objection, we will forward all the information to our Legal Team who will decide how the matter is to be determined.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Regards

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