

PLANNING REF : 261624
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Parkers Cottage
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SUBMITTED BY : Edward Levy
DATE SUBMITTED : 03/08/2026

COMMENTS:

I'm writing to object to the Permission in Principle Application 261624 on Hogmoor Lane, Hurst.

I object to this application. I run and cycle along Hogmoor Lane regularly, and it's one of the few remaining stretches of genuinely rural landscape connecting Hurst to the wider countryside and its footpath and bridleway network.

The open field at this site sits within the Haines Hill Valued Landscape and has remained largely unchanged for centuries. It supports the hedgerow, verge, and farmland habitat that makes this corridor valuable for wildlife, and it underpins the setting of the Hurst Area of Special Character and nearby heritage buildings like Long Barn and Wards Cross House as well as my own home, Parkers Cottage, and other Grade II listed neighbours on Broadwater Lane. Losing it to two large modern dwellings, fencing, and domestic gardens would fragment habitat and erode a rural corridor that local biodiversity and local people depend on.

I'm also concerned by the applicant's technical case: the Flood Risk Assessment appears to be desk-based, omits required drainage infrastructure from the site plan, and shows no awareness of Hurst's known flooding history, including the Council's own 2024 Section 19 report. The Transport Note similarly underestimates traffic impact at an already substandard lane and junction.

I ask the Council to refuse this application and protect this landscape, its wildlife, and its recreational value for our community.