

Points raised by the public at Churt Parish Council meeting 19 June 2019

Members of the public present: Richard Bourne, Isabel Desbarets, Toby and Andy Gray (Ref: Objection to Green Farm planning applications x 3)

Isabel Desbarets spoke regarding the objection to the 3 planning applications concerning the installation of 3 polytunnels at Green Farm, Churt. She and others have already submitted objection letters to Waverley BC. She asked the Parish Council to support their objections on the basis that Green Farm lies close to an AONB, The Surrey Hills and also bearing in mind the contents of the village design statement. Green Lane is a narrow undulating country road with few passing places and poor access. The polytunnels would visually detract.

Toby Gray said there were 4 areas of the road defined by either a 1/10 or 1/20 gradient. It is unsuitable for large vans and lorries and recently a small van got stuck outside their property.

Andy Gray mentioned many vehicles getting stuck over the last 3 years, other trying to turn in their drive causing damage to their property.

There are council signs to deter larger vehicles but these are largely ignored. Their concern is for emergency vehicles which might need to access properties along Green Lane and wouldn't be able to if there were other vehicles stuck along the lane. This could be exacerbated if there was increased traffic flow into Green Farm.

Mr Cornell (a near neighbour) has written a lengthy objection to Waverley based mainly on perceived traffic issues.

At the current time it is unclear where the access to the polytunnels would be but there is a new entrance being created.

Land currently used for agriculture (grazing) but floriculture would extend the season to all year round and would be more demanding in terms of people working at the farm. There would be early morning deliveries to the London flower markets plus additional movements throughout the week.

Cllr Potts stated the applications had been called in by Waverley BC and she would keep Isabel Desbarets advised.