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Ref: Proposal TN17 proposing a new access road to Willow Lane Industrial Estate running across Mitcham Common

Dear Sir/Madam,

I'm writing to strongly object to the proposed new access road to Willow Lane Industrial Estate that will cut through beautiful Mitcham Common land.

The 'Securing the future: delivering UK sustainable development strategy' government policy (https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/69412/pb10589-securing-the-future-050307.pdf March 2011, Ref: PB10589) sets out five 'guiding principles' of sustainable development:

1. *living within the planet's environmental limits*
2. *ensuring a strong, healthy and just society*
3. *achieving a sustainable economy*
4. *promoting good governance*
5. *and using sound science responsibly*

I fail to see how carving out stunning greenbelt land in favour of a second access road to an industrial site is in keeping with this. Simply because there may be a need for improved/additional access does not mean it's acceptable to slice existing wild animal habitats, and hugely beneficial ecological landscapes from our local environs.

The council's own 'Local Planning Policy - Sites and Policies Plan (July 2014) / Core Strategy (2011) 14 (Design) DM6.64' states that '*...The policy meets the sustainability objectives concerned with social inclusion by ensuring that development proposals would not result in a negative impact to the local environment...Telecommunications apparatus should be sited unobtrusively and the council will have regard to policy DM D1 in assessment of development proposals for this apparatus.*'. I have to question how destruction of sections of Mitcham Common (awarded Silver in a recent 'Common of the Year' award) and amplified noise and pollution from the increased traffic can be anything but negatively impacting the local environment.

This land, its trees, woodland and commons are soaking up the rainwaters preventing floods, converting CO2 into Oxygen for us to breath, providing essential habitats that link directly to the food chains we depend on. If we don't protect these few areas of land now, and instead casually carve it up in favour of concrete

industrialisation, we're doing nothing but creating a dying legacy to leave for future generations.

Please refuse the creation of this new road.