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Dear Wiltshire Council Planning Department

Planning Application at Hazelbury Manor PL/ 2026/00168.Comments

I often walk on the footpaths at Hazelbury, and I saw a notice recently about the above planning application .

I am pleased that a new owner is trying to find a use for the Manor, but can the Council please look at protecting important trees as there appears to be no Tree Preservation Orders in the gardens. On a recent walk I saw that works had already started on felling trees in the gardens, adjacent the old yard in front of the Manor, and I am worried more will be felled .

There are some beautiful old trees which can be seen from the footpaths .The buildings are protected so why not important trees as well? The Council makes Tree Preservation Orders in other areas so why not at Hazelbury ?

I also walk on the footpaths at Corsham Park ,which is a Historic Park and Garden and Conservation Area and wondered why Hazelbury Historic Park and Garden is not also a Conservation Area . Has the Council any plans to look at a Conservation Area at Hazelbury as this would appear to have a number of advantages in protecting historic areas

Proposals include a one-way traffic route. This appears to include the bridleway adjacent to the main garden , located between the large modern green farm building and the old farmyard in front of the Manor. I do not think this is a good idea ,are you aware horses use this route as well?

This footpath is narrow and cars/service vehicles for the proposed Hotel using it would be dangerous for both walkers, riders, and their horses. It would also spoil the walk or ride through this attractive area of the gardens. It is good to walk or ride in this area with no traffic, and in an area so close to the main garden which can be glimpsed over the stone wall. It is also a very peaceful area of the gardens because it is not used by traffic and it has no associated traffic fumes . I have seen the occasional gardener's buggy use this route, but no more than this .

Passing bays would not look right in this section of the garden, disturb existing planting, and may harm adjacent trees ?

The Open Spaces Society have also raised concerns about the use of this route for cars and other vehicles.

On walking the footpaths at Hazelbury I have found that there are still several timber stiles. Is it possible please for some to be removed to help access , or alternatively gates installed? I note the importance of footpaths are referred to in several consultation responses to the planning application.

Yours faithfully

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