

## Sam Dicocco

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Norton Action Group continue to object to this application.

- 1. Consultation:** The latest information from Vincent Gorbing doesn't offer any further insights into the suitability of Croft Lane as an access solution; or address the critical road safety, highways and conservation issues that make this access solution still the "achilles heel" of the application.
- 2. Conservation Area:** We are still awaiting visibility of the Conservation Officers report - despite this specific NHDC department being approached for formal consultee comment in 2019 and 2021. The legal advice we've received indicates that this information is essential to comply with government legislation to protect Conservation areas. Additionally, we'd like to reference the NHDC report on Croft Lane that reinforces its significance as a Conservation area - [https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/sites/northherts-cms/files/Croft%20Lane%20CA%20Character%20Statement\\_0.pdf](https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/sites/northherts-cms/files/Croft%20Lane%20CA%20Character%20Statement_0.pdf)
- 3. Redacted Documents.** We are due a response from ICO w/c 5 July regarding their challenge to HCC to release redacted documents following our requests for this information for the past 9 months. This includes details of minutes taken in Highways meetings explaining their **sudden u-turn** from rejecting this access due to safety, to suddenly approving it despite no material changes to the application.
- 4. Ecology:** We are also awaiting the consultee response to the Ecology reports that have been submitted by HCC as part of this application.

For these reasons, we feel that this application can not go back to committee until these outstanding points are resolved. As it stands this is still an incomplete application that can not be evaluated fully by the committee..

Best regards, Norton Action Group