

To whom it may concern

Protect Hurst Action Group (PHAGO)

**Planning Application 211532 Land between Sawpit Road and School Lane**

Please accept my apologies for having to respond to your recent "Open Letter" in such an anonymous manner but unfortunately it was not signed and whilst I am aware that a group calling itself Protect Hurst Action Group has been set up, I do not know officially of any named representative of the group to whom to address my response. Please would you be kind and let me know who is your team / Committee?

I would like to take this opportunity to repeat my invitation to meet so that I and other members of the HVS committee can fully understand your objectives and how that in future we can share our expertise in maximising our involvement in those issues of importance to the local community. Otherwise I am concerned that individual residents may be concerned and indeed confused as to who stands for what, and that open letters such as the one you have sent out might be interpreted as needlessly challenging.

Specifically in relation to the above application, the formal planning application only opened on the 12<sup>th</sup> May and runs until the 3<sup>rd</sup> June. The Committee met for a meeting this week at which this planning application was discussed. The Committee agreed to object to the proposal as it falls outside the development envelope. We are now reviewing the detail and preparing our formal response in advance of the deadline.

As you would expect in making that response, attention will be given to any National and Local Planning Policies and to what degree or otherwise the proposals fall outside or concur with any established positions. In addition, the strength of any case-law or Planning Inspectors decisions and comments need to also to be examined.

I hope that for the moment I have allayed PHAG's concerns but sincerely hope you will respond positively to my suggestion that we meet up as soon as possible

Yours faithfully

Jo Newbold

Chairman HVS