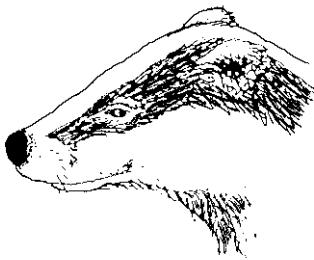


WEST SURREY BADGER GROUP

Registered Charity No 1100142



11, Lime Grove,
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Report on Land adjacent to Albury House

Dear Sir,

I am the chairman and a field officer for The West Surrey Badger Group.

I had the pleasure of meeting some of the residents of Albury House, today. They explained that the owner of a small copse adjacent to the access road to the properties in Albury House had intentions of developing the copse for 2-bedroom properties. They explained that badgers had been seen outside of the copse. I surveyed the copse and found a 2 hole active badger sett with an annex hole approximately 60 m to the south, (within the copse).

Under The Protection of Badgers Act 1992 it is an offence to destroy or damage a badger sett or to disturb a badger occupying an active badger sett, to kill, injure, offer for sale a live badger and keep a live badger. It is also recommended that no works, with heavy machinery be carried out within 30m of an active badger sett and that any works carried out within 10m be done by hand with hand tools only, this is to minimise any disturbance.

Should planning consent be granted for this land it would most certainly disturb all badgers occupying this sett.

Before any works could be considered on this site it would be necessary to obtain a licence from Natural England. WSBG would strongly object to the issue of any licence.

Should planning consent be granted by council and it was subsequently found that a sett had been destroyed or damaged or a live badger had been disturbed, any councillor voting to grant planning consent could be held liable for any offences disclosed.

On behalf of WSBG I would urge that serious consideration be given and that any planning application be refused.
Yours respectfully

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