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Dear Mr Birkett

**Whitcher Well Fish Hatchery Whitendale Road Dunsop Bridge BB7 3BL  
Application 3/2020/0667**

We are writing as [REDACTED] with respect of the above planning application which is causing significant disquiet and concern in our local community. [REDACTED] has an interest in the property in question, [REDACTED]

Whitendale Road is a cul-de-sac used as a popular footpath through the valley. Its users tend to be on foot except for access and will visit generally at sociable hours during the day. The proposal at Whitcher Well Hatchery would permanently alter the nature of this road and indeed the whole area by bringing overnight visitors to the area both in motor vehicles and on foot. The current infrastructure is not designed for this intensified use and we have grave concerns regarding the impact on the local area and wildlife.

Our sporting tenants carry out invaluable work in the valley contributing to the wildlife and flora and fauna. [REDACTED] land that is subject to the planning application and that surrounding it. The proposals would have a severe detrimental impact on our tenant which would make it impossible for him to continue operating in the current way. He provides employment for two gamekeepers who occupy dwellings less than a mile away as well as numerous beaters and other part time staff and brings visitors to the area contributing to the local economy. His team use the access track through the site that is subject to the planning application on an almost daily basis.

We are aware that our concerns should have been raised earlier as a matter for

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consideration however due to staffing changes we have unfortunately been delayed in our response. We hope very much however that it will be given the necessary attention.

Yours sincerely

