

DUDDINGTON-WITH-FINESHADE **PARISH COUNCIL**

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PRESS RELEASE

A proposal by Forest Holidays in conjunction with the Forestry commission to construct 76 holiday-let cabins in the ancient woodland at Fineshade has ignited major concerns among the communities in the area.

At the meeting of Duddington-with-Fineshade Parish Council held on Thursday 6 February 2014, representatives of both Forest Holidays and the Forestry Commission gave a presentation illustrating their proposals. Both parties stressed that at the moment, the design is work in progress although they anticipate submitting a planning application to East Northamptonshire Council in the near future.

Also in attendance at the meeting were a large number of residents and representatives of wildlife and environmental groups from the surrounding villages and following the presentation, the Chairman of the Parish Council opened the meeting to the public to allow them to question the developers. Concerns raised included vehicular and emergency access to the site; parking; the continued recreational access to the area for walkers and the potential for the cabins to become permanent homes.

The Parish Council shares many of these concerns, and in particular, the affect of the development on the residents of Top Lodge; the access to the site from the dangerous Wakerley Crossroads on the A43 via the single track access road to Fineshade and the disruption to the wildlife and the forest habitat.

Forest Holidays have offered to attend another meeting to discuss the planning application and present their impact statements for Fineshade residents; wild life and

highways. When this is arranged, details of the meeting will be posted on the notice boards and Duddington's web site.

However, until such time as a planning application is submitted and the detail of the proposal can be considered, the Parish Council will refrain from any formal response to the scheme.