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I object strongly.

There are already extensive new underground excavations created recently.

The upheaval for 3-4 years has been exceedingly disruptive; noise, mud on the road, large lorries taking away soil, danger at this complicated road and pedestrian junction (with poor sightlines).

Allowing freer circulation of the vehicles to and from the property at Witanhurst will create more hazards for the normal road and pavement users in the community. For pedestrians walking up Highgate West hill to the village already it is difficult crossing the entrance to Witanhurst. If you turn into The Grove on foot you are deprived of a pavement for the first (southern) part of that road, where vehicles are entitled to turn in at 30 mph.

Within the last 20 years the road surface on this top part of Highgate West Hill has given way; yet more underground disturbance will not help and must be de-stabilising the surrounding ground.

Since Witanhurst is now an enormous property (apparently with parking for many vehicles) we are worried about the number of vehicles entering and exiting.

Behind the current hoarding on the top part of Highgate West Hill there appear to be two massive gate posts in the tall brick wall. Will vehicles be entering directly onto the Hill? How will the regular traffic travelling up and down Highgate West Hill cope with this? How will pedestrians, e.g. those getting off the 214 bus at the Merton Lane bus stop and walking up into the village, manage? In rush hours it's very difficult to cross the road anyway onto the eastern pavement. Cars and vans don't give way to pedestrians and they are on a steep incline anyway.