

24 Oxenturn Road,
Wye

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Dear Professor Sir Leszek Borysiewicz,

I attended the public meeting on the 9th of January and speak as a local resident of 6 yrs and as someone whose family have attended Wye College for four generations.

It is clear that scientific agricultural research is Imperial College's best option to ensure the viability of Wye College.

However what is not clear is why and how the proposals have escalated to such a scale.

- The magnitude of proposed development is incongruous in a village the size of Wye, especially given the lack of existing highway infrastructure.
- To propose this scale of development within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and adjacent to a National Nature Reserve, Sites of Special Scientific Interest, and areas designated Environmentally Sensitive is highly questionable.
- The fact that there are apparently three other Science Parks being proposed within a 10 mile radius means there must be some strong arguments in favour of this site and this magnitude of development.

I would be grateful to know what these are as the answers were not made clear at the public meeting.

I can fully understand that the ambitious proposals are financially 'Good for Imperial', however the public response has questioned whether they are 'Good' for the village of Wye beyond settling the uncertainty over the College's future.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Celia Timms