



CONTROVERSIAL: An artist's illustration of the proposed house at The Wilderness, Westleton. It will do little damage to the environment, says RG Sambrook

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What hypocrisy from wildlife trust

Sir, - I see from your article "Trust claims mansion will hit wildlife" (EADT, October 15), that Suffolk Wildlife Trust is objecting to the development of a building of architectural value in Westleton on the basis it would damage a semi-natural and possibly ancient landscape. Their plans for the development of Foxburrow Farm Field Centre at Melton into the headquarters of the wildlife trust, with the additional "weight of traffic", will do far more damage to the environment than a private dwelling can ever do.

Their plans will involve the desecration of a narrow rural farm lane by the removal of hedges to provide passing

places for additional cars bringing headquarters' staff to the newly developed buildings. To quote the very words they used in the *East Anglian Daily Times* article: "The impacts arising through construction are likely to be widespread and severe within these areas and cannot be mitigated." What hypocrisy!

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Sir, - I was astonished to read of the planning approval and widespread official support given for the building of Wilderness House at Westleton (EADT, October 16).

To most people's eyes surely a hideous monstrosity, entirely alien to the countryside into which it is going to be placed. No doubt your postbag will confirm or refute this opinion.

However, contrast this with planning policy at Babergh, where people of more modest means living in small dwellings, are prevented from extending their properties to accommodate family needs. Natural justice? Fair play? Common sense? Rubbish!

More like one law for the rich and another for the poor.

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