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To: "Katherine Williams" <katherine.williams@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/25/1593

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 07/08/2025 11:05 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Woodlands Close And Land To The North Of Burleigh Lane Crawley Down Crawley West Sussex RH10 4JZ
Proposal:	The demolition of numbers 9-11 Woodlands Close together with the demolition of other existing buildings on site and erection of 48 dwellings (Use Class C3) with open space, landscaping, car parking and associated infrastructure including provision of internal access roads and access road onto Woodlands Close.
Case Officer:	Katherine Williams

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Customer Details

Address:	8 Hornbeam Place Crawley Down
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	<p>We are writing to formally object to the proposed development of 48 additional houses in the vicinity of Woodlands Close, and on the north border of Burleigh Lane.</p> <p>We have major concerns regarding the impact this development</p>

will have on existing residents especially 13 Woodlands Close. This design would effectively isolate the resident and significantly diminish their quality of life. Their house will be an "island in between two access roads. The increased through-traffic and activity in such close proximity will not only cause distress but may also contribute to higher levels of anti-social behaviour, which has already been a growing issue in the area.

Burleigh Woods Management has already declined and objected two attempts by the developers for access through Sycamore Lane. In the previous adopted plan, access via Woodlands Close was deleted and not an option due to the developer approaching residents in Woodlands Close which was considered aggressive development, and thus Sycamore Lane was the ONLY viable means of access. The developer has now offered well above market price to two residents of Woodlands Close which goes against what was previously proposed.

We would also wish to express our objection for the proposed development for the following reasons.

1. Overdevelopment and Strain on Local Services:

Following the recent approval of a 350-home development nearby, the addition of yet another 48 houses represents overdevelopment. Local infrastructure is already under considerable pressure and simply cannot cope.

The local Schools in the area are oversubscribed and struggling to meet current demand. Our son wasn't given a place in the village school due to the high demand and insufficient space available.

Doctor services are stretched and failing to provide timely care to patients. We haven't been able to register at the village doctors due to the disproportionate demand.

The local post office, a vital service for many residents (especially the elderly), is unable to meet increasing demand.

Adding more housing without proportionate investment in infrastructure and services will exacerbate these issues and reduce the overall well-being of current and future residents.

2. Traffic Increase and Safety Concerns:

Any new development inevitably leads to an increase in local traffic. Given the proposed access location, there is a heightened risk of traffic-related incidents, especially in an area already experiencing congestion. This poses a safety concern for drivers, pedestrians, and particularly vulnerable road users such as children and the elderly. The junction of Woodlands Close, Kiln Road and Bramble way is already a dangerous junction to navigate and adding approx 96 additional cars/users will make cause even more congestion.

3. Impact to wildlife, deer, badgers and Newts. Destroying these fields and building new homes will severely damage the natural habitat and surrounding area.

4. The proposed development identifies a footpath which has access onto the Burleigh Woods development. This is private property and should not be approved.

In summary, this proposal does not appear to be in the best interest of the community and Crawley Down Village. We strongly urge the council to reject this application and to reconsider the cumulative impact of new housing developments in this area.

Thank you for considering our objection.

Kind regards