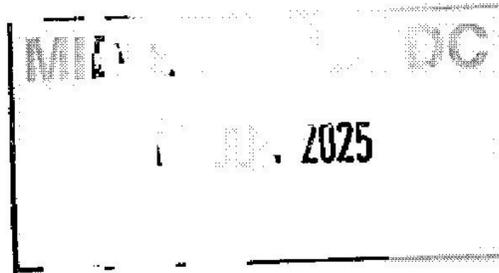


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28<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: Planning Application DM/25/1129 Land at Foxhole Farm**

I am writing as a resident of Bolney, to express my strong objection to the Foxhole planning application.

Being an elderly resident of the village I am hugely concerned with the danger the increased number of cars this very large development will create. Most households these days have two cars, so 200 houses will probably generate around 400 cars! We have pedestrian safety issues as we have no raised pavements & the main street & painted pavements being very narrow too. We have had the road speed recently reduced to 20mph as cars tend to drive already fairly fast through the village but increased traffic from the proposed development accessing the very busy A272 will cause further holdups, jams & accidents. This will have the effect of creating rat runs through the village & making it more unsafe for us pedestrians.

I feel the proposed development is not sustainable because Bolney is a small village with very limited services & infrastructure. We do not have a Post Office, grocery shop within the main village, GP surgery, dentist or a regular bus service; which has no plans on being improved & has been recently reduced further, offering 4 buses a day to Crawley & Brighton, 2 buses a day to Haywards Heath and only 1 bus a week to Burgess Hill! We already have to use a car to access these services elsewhere. This fails Policy DP21-Transport and Infrastructure Concerns.

Community facilities/infrastructure the Developer has offered are inadequate. We already have a great, new village hall (The Rawson Hall), which offers good office hub facilities with fast Wi-fi connections. It offers superb facilities for children's groups; we have Bolney Under Fives who operate out of it on a daily basis. A very active Community Café runs 3 days a week at the Rawson Hall, which I attend and volunteer at. It is surrounded by fields, a football pitch & modern upgraded children's play area with a basketball court & small bike track. The Rawson Hall is run by a committee & very well maintained; who will run & maintain this proposed community building at Foxhole? None of the developers infrastructure proposals will improve the sustainability of the village, we will still not be able to meet our daily needs without the use of a car.

More suitable & sustainable sites were identified & approved in the Neighbourhood Plan. This development is not supported by the policies of the District Plan (contrary to Policy DP6 & Policy BOLBB1-inappropriate location)). Foxhole Farm lies outside Bolney's built up area boundary in open countryside. Building 200 new houses will effectively double the size of Bolney (259 households were recorded by the 2021 Census) It will ruin the character & setting of this lovely historic village as well as impact the local wildlife & habitat because it is completely disproportionate to Bolney's current village size & is contrary to Policy DP12 & Policy BOL2 – Loss of Countryside Character. I hope that this application for a disproportionate number of houses in Bolney will be rejected.

Yours faithfully

