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**To:** "Hamish Evans" <Hamish.Evans@midsussex.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Firs Farm, Copthorne Common, Copthorne (Reference DM/25/0708/FUL)

Hi Hamish,

**Firs Farm, Copthorne Common, Copthorne (Reference DM/25/0708/FUL)**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the full application for the redevelopment of the site to provide 5 dwellinghouses, with associated amenity space and parking; hard and soft landscaping; cycle and refuse storage; change of use of land to residential garden for existing dwellinghouse and associated access works.

The planning application form indicates that the application is for 3 x 4 bedroom houses and 2 x 3 bedroom houses.

The application was received on 17 March 2025, so the obligations have been calculated in line with the Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document (July 2018).

Planning Obligations SPD (July 2018)

The following leisure contributions are required to enhance capacity and provision due to increased demand for facilities in accordance with District Plan policy DP20 "Securing Infrastructure" and the "Development Infrastructure and Contributions" SPD, which require contributions for developments of 5 dwellings or more.

**CHILDRENS PLAYING SPACE**

Play Equipment/ Kickabout

These facilities will face increased demand from the new development and a contribution of £11,914 is required for play space/ kickabout facilities (£6,508 towards play equipment and £5,406 towards kickabout). This contribution should be directed towards play space/kickabout improvements at Copthorne Bank Playground, Copthorne and /or King George V Field; and/ or Haven Sports Field.

**FORMAL SPORT**

In the case of this development, a financial contribution of £7,453 is required towards new and improved formal sports and ancillary facilities at Crawley Down Cricket Club and / or Crawley Down Gatwick Football Club and / or the King George V Playing Field, Sandy Lane.

**COMMUNITY BUILDINGS**

The provision of community facilities is an essential part of the infrastructure required to service new developments to ensure that sustainable communities are created. In the case of this development, a

financial contribution of £4,274 is required to make improvements to the Copthorne Parish Hub and/or 1<sup>st</sup> Turners Hill & Crawley Down Scout Hut, and/ or improvements to the Haven Centre.

#### LOCAL COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

A contribution of £4,850 is required towards local community infrastructure at any or all of the following car parks in the village- the Glebe Centre car park, Haven centre Car park, Memorial car park, and Burleigh Way car park; and/or upgrades to the war memorials to include extension to stones/ additional stones/ flag poles; and /or improvements to pedestrian routes and/or an information trail for the village and/or improvements to the village pond.

I trust these comments are helpful.

Please contact me should you have any queries.

Kind regards  
Mark

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