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I wish to object to the housing application under reference as above, Land east of College Lane, Hurstpierpoint, for 100 dwellings ,citing the following relevant points

1 Traffic. The traffic travelling north and south on College Lane at peak hours is often gridlocked. With six more houses ,potentially twelve more cars added to the existing regular cars,plus the potential of seventy odd houses being built at the top of College Lane, the road could be permanently blocked.

The residents were consulted on 75 houses. Thakehams application is now for 100 houses. How can 25 more homes with potentially 50 more cars be accommodated without infrastructure improvements?

2) Danger to pedestrians. The pavement is narrow and inconsistent and there is no pavement on the lower portion of College Lane . Pedestrians having to walk up to Wickham Hill to catch public transport are put in danger. This applies particularly to school children

The road safety audit was based on 75 homes,not 100. The site visit by the auditors was outside of morning and evening rush our. An audit should be made at 8.15 and 3.30 and compared to the original

As a resident of Wickham Hill,walking into the village, we find the traffic flow is increased and trying to cross College Lane from the east is proving to be very difficult,with traffic from east and west turning into College Lane without slowing down significantly

3) I understand that the traffic modelling took place on a single week in April. According to the Met Office April 2026 was one of the warmest, driest and sunniest on record,which favours walking and cycling over driving

The modelling should be tested against busier days and winter school term conditions

4) Stonepound crossroads is already an area of poor air quality .With about 10 minutes wait per vehicle , with exhaust fumes adding to the pollution the situation will just get worse unless Stonepound is fixed, and this must happen before more homes are added

5) No mention has been made of congestion in the High Street. Apart from the obvious rush hour problems,when the St Lawrence school comes out at 3.10 there is more congestion, added to which is the hourly bus trying to go either north or south.

6) Landscape. The Secretary of State refused homes being built on this site to protect the gap and the council rates this area as having low capacity for development

7) The addition of potentially 200 extra cars on the road going east to Stonepound or west through the village High Street is going to strain the existing infrastructure
In addition it is extremely difficult to get an appointment to see a doctor at the moment, so this development will add potentially another 350-400 extra patients to an already stretched surgery

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