

Steven King

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 February 2025 22:21
To: Steven King
Subject: Comments on planning application DM/25/0016

Dear Mr King,

Re: Planning Application for Land West of Turners Hill Road

Apologies for emailing you directly but there seems to be a fault on the comment function on the mid sussex website

I am writing in response to the planning application for the development of land located to the west of Turners Hill Road. After careful consideration of the proposal, I as a resident of Wychwood Place oppose the application as currently drafted

1. **Lack of Public Services in Crawley Down:** Crawley Down currently lacks sufficient public services and infrastructure to support the development of additional housing in this area. The existing amenities, such as schools, healthcare facilities, and retailers are already under strain, and I believe this proposal would exacerbate the situation. The influx of new residents would put further pressure on already overstretched resources and lead to a diminished quality of life for both new and existing residents and the development plans include nothing to prevent this.
2. When my partner and I moved to the area in 2022 there were no GPs in the local area which were accepting new patients and I had to go to the NHS trust to be assigned a practice. Due to this practice being oversubscribed it is very difficult to use GP services and this will get much worse if 150 new homes are built in the village in addition to a 65 occupancy care home, given the increased health risks associated with a care home.
3. **Inappropriate Access via Wychwood Place:** The proposed access point through Wychwood Place raises serious concerns, particularly in regards to this application which includes a care home which will see frequent visitors and significant volume of staff and services. The road is too narrow to accommodate the volume of traffic expected from the development, particularly as cars are parked on the road meaning cars in only one direction can pass. The roads and its current infrastructure is unsuitable for increased use from new residents and from construction vehicles which could damage parked cars, homes and communal areas.
4. The lack of adequate lighting, combined with a blind corner at the junction with Turner's Hill Road and the absence of a pavement in this area, creates a hazardous environment for

both pedestrians and drivers. This would cause a high risk of harm occurring if traffic significantly increased as pedestrians frequently walk in this area as it is next to a local dog walking area. This will significantly increase the risk of accidents, particularly in low-visibility conditions or during peak traffic times.

5. The junction with Turner's Hill Road would also lead to significant traffic build up on a road which is a high volume road particularly at peak times.
6. **Alternative Access Options**
7. There are already facilities and provisions for access via Hurst farm which is now closed. The fact there are no dwellings on this road will prevent harm and damage occurring to existing residents and properties. As there are no dwellings in this area the access road can be built to a standard and specification which can accommodate the estate appropriately.
8. **Flooding Concerns**
9. The Wychwood estate already has significant flooding issues. Gardens, communal green spaces and roadways already badly flood in the area. Further development and the associated soil erosion will exacerbate these issues and I am concerned this will cause damage to our home and garden.

For these reasons, I believe that the proposed development would have a detrimental impact on the local community and environment. I urge you to reconsider this planning application in light of the significant issues outlined above.

Thank you for considering my objections.

Yours sincerely,