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Dear Mr King

### **Objection to Planning Application DM/25/0014 & 0015 Huntsland development**

Thank you for your letters warning of the Outline Planning Applications on Huntsland Farm and Hurst Farm and your advice that these are duplicate letters.

We strongly Object to this proposed developments on the following grounds;

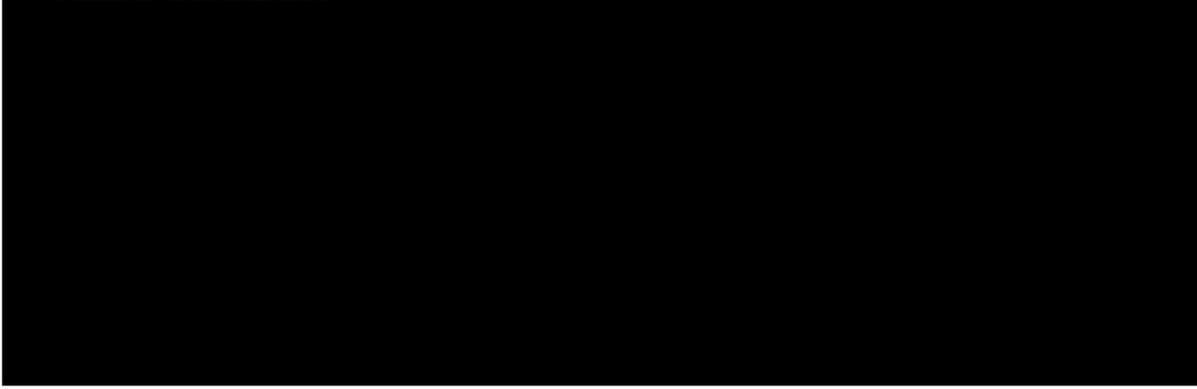
1. They will detract from the rural appearance of the area and its importance in providing the essential 'strategic gap' between urban areas of East Grinstead and Crawley-Gatwick.
2. The quality of the design is inappropriate being brick and tile boxes incompatible with the unique architecture of existing buildings such as Huntsland House and Lodge, Wallage Lodge and Wynch Well.
3. 200 houses will suddenly bring about 600 more people into the area which will have an over-bearing impact on our accustomed communal environment and lose the outlook for a sustained future of environmental preservation, peace and security.
4. The proposal may bring economic benefits to the Council in extra tax income but will require extra investment on traffic management, pedestrian crossings, lighting, paving, drainage, sewerage, water mains and other network infrastructure that impact on the overall cost of living for all. It will also require extra investment in clinical services, the local surgery and other social services, or, add to delays and waiting times for existing residents. And it will add to costs for policing, fire and ambulance services and other running expenditure. All these extra expenditures are likely to have a negative impact on the local economy.
5. The local roads are narrow, often without side-walks, without lighting and therefore dangerous and unsuitable for extra pedestrians, cyclists and other traffic.
6. Some ancient trees may be lost. Importantly, the Great Crested Newts evident in the pond at the foot of the site will be swept away by excess drainage into the stream which will also flood our back garden and cause trees to over-turn.
7. The proposal constitutes an unwelcome intrusion into the countryside, specifically protected in '**The Strategy for the South East, 1976 Review**' which outlined a long-term strategy to save our countryside while providing infrastructure for development in the existing urban growth areas of

Crawley-Gatwick and Horsham. This remains extant.

8. The large volume of new families with children is likely to disturb the quiet neighbourhood bringing vandalism, litter, anti-social behaviour and potentially trespassing and burglary.

I trust you will weigh these objections in your deliberations and recommend that the Application be Refused.

Yours sincerely



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