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Dear sir/madam

This is to register my comments to the planning application for 200 new homes in and the access road from turners hill Road (under DM/25/0015).

Our roads and roundabouts are at capacity or over. We are queueing to get through from cophorne to dukes head roundabout and continue to have extremely heavy traffic on turners hill road. In fact every single exit/entry from dukes head round about is having queues now (and that was even before the works started) we also have to keep in mind that often times roads here and in neighbouring areas are having to close for maintenance. Pot holes - very dangerous ones- are an annual thing to fix now which means we go from bad to worse when people are looking for alternative routes to take. It should be catered for in all planning as it's a routine for each year. More houses and cars and we will grind to a halt. Introducing more buses isn't the solution either. It's still more traffic. People don't use buses in the 'country side' due to having to drop kids to school and driving to stations or work after etc. I'm fact most homes have multiple cars.

Where this development is, means that Crawley Down traffic will be significantly affected. People will use this as a drive through to get home and our roads are getting increasingly dangerous to cross.

There have been two accidents plus a little boy was run over just outside my house on turners hill Road in the last 3years. The entry point planned to where vicarage road and Turners hill road meet is a very dangerous crossroads already where people are running across the road in panic to get to the slip to go down to worth way. Introducing traffic lights isn't the solution as you'll still have more traffic and more pollution and now the lights would make the cars have to stop and start and pollute even more. We already cannot open the windows to the front of the houses due to fumes. The visibility is extremely poor where the entry is planned. And it takes a long time to find a safe gap in cars to cross. It also takes us a long time to be able to leave our drive way to join traffic on turners hill road and parking on our drive after returning from work is increasingly hard. I have to wait a very long time and there have been some close calls as people are impatient.

Surface water is an increasingly bad issue in our area. The pedestrian walks are covered in water and the fields are boggy. There simply isn't enough drainage as is. If you build more and put more tarmac down / this problem will escalate as the water hasn't got enough ground to penetrate and our rain water sewers can't cope. Often when it rains heavily like it does nowadays more and more frequently, the pedestrians have to walk on the road as the pavement is flooded. It's very dangerous. Some have to do this with kids and finding a safe time when no cars are coming is very difficult due to the traffic.

Schools in the area are over capacity and many parents are having to wait years to get kids in when moving to already existing houses in the area. Nevermind new houses, hundreds more cars and people. Most homes here seem to have two cars on the drive as a minimum. Having more cars on the roads will raise the volume levels that are already extremely bad due to the road being such an important through way.

NHS is not coping in this area as it is. People can't get appointments to see GPs or nurses and the urgent care unit in Crawley is feeling the brunt. There you have to queue 5 hours to get antibiotics.

Sadly the doctor shortage in the U.K. means that suggesting you'll build an health centre won't be the solution here either it would be wholly irresponsible to bring hundreds of more people into a situation where the infrastructure already cannot cope.

The focus in Crawley down area should be to fix the existing problems, not to build more and bring more people to make all the problems even worse.

The water drainage should be sorted as it cannot cope with the rainfall, the gp/NHS provision should be sorted, and the pharmacy that cannot cope with the volume of the mature population. The small co-op is not enough to cater for us and we don't have a pub like all villages should do.

The one saving grace we have is our nature and worth way with its views and wildlife, where we see deer, birds of prey, and bats among other things. This is what the buildings would make us lose and we would force more deer onto the roads (already have more accidents year on year) as well as moles etc to move to a built up area due to the disruption to their current habitat. We don't want the rodents to come to the village. The fields are FULL of mole hills.

Regards

