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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 September 2026 11:57
To: planninginfo; Susan Dubberley
Subject: Objection to Planning Application DM/26/2178 - College Lane

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Dear Susan Dubberley,

Urgent Objection to Planning Application DM/26/2178 – College Lane

I strongly object to this application for 6 new houses on College Lane. I am [REDACTED] and have lived in Hurstpierpoint for [REDACTED] have watched our village change enormously, and I am deeply worried that we are now losing too much of the open countryside that makes it special.

I no longer drive and so I depend on others to get around. College Lane is already very difficult, with narrow bends, blind spots and no pavement. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I already feel very hemmed in and I am frightened about what another six houses and more cars will mean. I am worried, not just for me but for all my neighbours. We have a lovely community with people of all different ages. What sort of village will we pass on to future generations?

Children living along College Lane cannot safely walk to St Lawrence or Downlands. I also understand that Hurstpierpoint College does not even allow its students to walk along the road to school. To me this says a lot about how dangerous College Lane is. Students have to be driven, which already means more cars on the lane. Adding another six houses will just add even more traffic to an already difficult and dangerous road.

In the event that Hurstpierpoint High Street or other adjoining roads are closed, which happens all too frequently, the traffic is diverted down College Lane causing complete chaos and additional danger to pedestrians and residents. We don't need any more cars down our lane.

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I also worry about our local services. [REDACTED]
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I am also extremely anxious about water shortages and the strain on our water and sewage systems. How can we keep adding houses when these essential services are already under pressure? Seven houses are already being built further down College Lane and are causing considerable disruption. We tried hard to stop this building development taking place but it happened anyway. There are other developments proposed along the lane. If this continues then all the beautiful open land between Hurstpierpoint and the College will gradually disappear and we will lose more trees and more wildlife. My parents and I chose to move here as we wanted to live in a lovely village where people live happily and where farmers let their sheep and cows graze

too. This is what Hurstpierpoint is, a rural village. Now we are all very stressed and we are tired of fighting to save our village from unnecessary houses being built.

I am also very sad to see the loss of wildlife, birds and ancient trees. If this land near where we live is built on then it is gone forever.

After 64 years in this village, I am asking the Council to please stop this further loss of our countryside and refuse planning permission for DM/26/2178.

Yours faithfully,

