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Dear Susan

I am writing to object to the proposed housing development on College Lane in Hurstpierpoint.

As a resident of Langton Lane, Hurstpierpoint, I have significant concerns regarding the ability of existing infrastructure to accommodate further large-scale residential development.

I commute from Hassocks railway station three to four days each week. In my experience, if I arrive after approximately 7:30am, the station car park is already full, forcing commuters to park on surrounding residential streets. This indicates that existing parking provision is already operating at or beyond capacity. Whilst additional car parking infrastructure could potentially be provided in the future, for example through the construction of a multi-storey or decked car park similar to that at Haywards Heath station, the current situation clearly demonstrates that transport infrastructure is under considerable pressure.

I am also concerned about the impact of additional housing on the local road network. Hurstpierpoint High Street serves as the principal route for traffic travelling east-west through the village. Due to a number of narrow sections where traffic flow is constrained, congestion regularly occurs, particularly when larger vehicles such as buses and HGVs pass through the village. At peak times, this can result in lengthy queues and significant delays.

Given these existing challenges, I struggle to understand how substantial additional housing can be accommodated without further exacerbating congestion and placing additional strain on infrastructure that is already insufficient for the current population. Transport and highway issues are only one aspect of this concern. Similar questions arise regarding the capacity of local healthcare services, schools and other community facilities.

In particular, I am concerned about proposals for development accessed via College Lane. This road is already heavily used and experiences significant traffic volumes. Unlike some infrastructure improvements that may be achievable elsewhere, College Lane cannot realistically be widened due to its physical constraints. Any substantial increase in traffic movements generated by new housing is therefore likely to worsen existing congestion and create further difficulties for residents who rely on this route daily.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Council to give careful consideration to the cumulative impact of further development on the village's infrastructure and to refuse proposals that would place an unsustainable burden on roads, transport provision and local services.

Regards

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