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To: Katherine Williams
Subject: OBJECTION TO PLANNING APPLICATION DM/25/1593

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Dear Ms. Williams,

We are residents of Kiln Road, Crawley Down & we wish to object in the strongest way possible, to the above.

The residents of Kiln Road, who suffered through the development of the Burleigh Woods estate, know only too well some of the problems that this development will bring.

The junction with priority given to the Burleigh Woods estate, was quite simply incorrect - Craziness in fact.

We've learnt that the road used to bend sharply where Kiln Road met Woodlands Drive, which considerably reduced vehicle speed at that point. That bend should have been retained with the new estate having to give way to it.

Allowing straight through access to the Burleigh Woods development, increased vehicle speed hugely.

Adding another junction within less than 20 yards of that point, will only exacerbate the already dangerous situation with many more vehicle movements.

West Sussex Highways needs to officially determine if Woodlands Close is indeed even wide enough to accept the proposed level of vehicular traffic onto the proposed development - I & others suspect not.

The Kiln Road surface was irrevocably damaged during the construction of the Burleigh Woods estate. The edges were constantly eroded with the pointless washing lorry, which served no purpose but to wash building dirt into the surface water drains. Damage caused by the construction process has still not been fixed to this day.

Aside from the obvious pollution risks, there is an obvious pedestrian risk to placing the bungalow to the north of the access road, on its own island. This is just totally mad, and the development should be refused for that reason alone. The elderly resident of that bungalow, in her 80s, suffered already when her attached dwelling was demolished to make way for the access road to Burleigh Woods and now there is the proposal that her other neighbour's house will also be demolished.

It is totally unacceptable that the residents opposite the proposed access road, would have vehicle lights shining directly into their front windows as vehicles leave the new development. These people purchased a house in a quiet cul-de-sac for a reason - not to be disturbed by constantly passing traffic.

The proposed site is considerably elevated over the level of the houses in Woodlands Close. Not only does this create a potential subsidence risk, but the proposed houses on the western boundary of the site would significantly overlook the remaining houses of Woodlands Close. It's been estimated that the ground floor windows of the new houses could look directly into the first floor windows of the existing houses in Woodlands Close, which is clearly unacceptable.

There is much wildlife too in the current fields where this development is being proposed, including bats, badgers & possibly newts too, the beautiful deer have already lost their habitat when yet another development Hazel Rise was built, in addition of course to Burleigh Woods.

It is well known and documented that the local school does not have capacity for any more pupils as it is, the Council only has to count up the 350 new homes, + these proposed 48-50 & calculate how many more school places will be needed, where will they have to travel to find a school & one that has room for all these new children??

The Crawley Down Health Centre cannot cope with the existing numbers of residents , it will be under further pressure & strain with the 200 new homes being built on the CD Road, let alone the 350 Wates have been giving planning permission to build on land west of the Turners Hill Road, PLUS the residents of the care home planned for there PLUS the 64 bedded care home being built a stone's throw from the Dukes Head & not forgetting the hotel asylum seekers who need to see a Dr.

The surgery simply does not have capacity for new patients (with residents often being signposted to the walk in centres as the surgery just don't have enough appointments or doctors) and the drainage system in Woodlands Close is already unfit for purpose. Adding more demand to these specific areas benefits no one. We regularly suffer power cuts too.

For the reasons outlined above & not least because these elderly folk just want, need & should be able/allowed to live out their 'twilight years' in the cul de sac which has been the home of the majority of them for years, in peace & quiet, we are asking Mid Sussex District Council Planning Dept to OPPOSE this application please.

In addition, Crawley Down has exceeded housing targets - it's a small village with creaking infrastructure now, let alone these other developments already going ahead- we cannot cope with any more building & all the residents have had MORE than enough now..

Finally, the District Plan which was rejected by an Inspector I believe, who took this site out of it & it was deemed Woodlands Close was not suitable as an access road, this should be the case now, nothing has changed, except possibly more planning applications that now have planning permission.

Kiln Road already has so many vehicles going at great speed both up & down the road to & from the large Burleigh Woods development, we dread to think what it's going to be like with another 48 homes, And this in addition to the Hazel Rise development which was only finished a short time ago, it doesn't bear thinking about... Yet the village didn't see a PENNY of the S106 monies that SHOULD have been given & spent here in Crawley Down, that's disgraceful.

Thank you very much for your time,

Yours sincerely,

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