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Good Afternoon

I am writing to express my objection to the proposed development of Merrow Wood Development.

This is for the following reasons:

1. The access into the field/proposed estate would be through Woodlands Close. The area would be a tight turn straight off Kiln Road. The flow of traffic was dramatically changed from the building of the Burleigh Woods estate and would result in potential accidents, due to the speed of cars already driving into Burleigh Woods. Why can't access be through Burleigh Woods. They already have spoken to residents on this estate about the flooding here so it wouldn't cause much more disruption.
2. The village has already had over six new housing estates built in the village. These are Field Drive, Burleigh Woods, developments in Tiltwood, at the end of Fermandy Lane, station Road, the two on Turners Hill Road with a further development on Turners Hill Road to be built along with a Nursing home. No investment has been made to the services in the village. The primary school isn't big enough for accommodate an extra influx of family homes. The Doctors surgery is already in special measures as it can't cope with the number of patients. Patients are being sent to GP surgeries miles away from the village.
3. Other developments have also been built in Copthorne, Turners Hill, Felbridge and East Grinstead instead, all of these have been developments of mainly family homes. Family homes mean children, please note that no schools whether primary or secondary have been built to accommodate the thousands of houses built and no investment has been made to the schools to expand for the growing numbers in the catchment areas.
4. Power cuts are wide spread and other utilities are struggling to cope. The frequency of the buses has not increased so more cars are being driven, this is at least 2 per household adding to pollution and speeding around the village. Public transport needs to be dramatically improved for all the current households.
5. Despite developments being built the community infrastructure levy has not been spent to improve the village services. When developers make promises to improve the village, these turn up empty for example the village hall. These are community assets being carved up and lost for the developers profits. With this proposed development the developer is making promises to invest in either the football club, scouts hq, etc. However will they actually do any of this if they sell off the site to another developer such as the village hall. Any monies to the village, assets promised must be built first before they start digging foundations/ demolishing the two semis for access. Otherwise the village will once again be given empty promises such as the situation with the rebuilding of the village hall.
6. Traffic surveys need to be carried out in Autumn/Winter rather than during the school summer holidays as this is not a true reflection of traffic on the roads, you will have distorted results.

7. The local wildlife is seriously under threat as it is running out of areas and green spaces. This also strongly needs to be considered.
8. Lastly the majority of Crawley Down Village want the village to remain a village it has a strong community unlike the surrounding areas, the increasing number of houses would change the village into a town and the village has now had the opportunity to state that it wants to remain a village.

Kind regards

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