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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 July 2025 15:51
To: Katherine Williams
Subject: DM/25/1593

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Dear Katherine,

I am writing to formally object to planning application DM/25/1593, concerning the proposed development of 48/50 houses via Woodlands Close in Crawley Down.

As a resident concerned about the wellbeing of our village, I strongly oppose this application for the following reasons:

1.

Road Layout and Traffic Safety

The proposed access via Woodlands Close is highly unsuitable. The road infrastructure in this area is narrow, residential, and not designed to handle the significantly increased traffic flow that a development of this size would bring. The resulting increase in traffic congestion would endanger pedestrians, particularly school children, mothers with prams, and elderly residents who regularly walk in the area.

Furthermore, the junction with Kiln Road is already hazardous, and adding more vehicle movements would only increase the likelihood of accidents. It is a blind corner for many drivers and not designed for high-volume use.

2.

Pollution and Environmental Impact

More vehicles inevitably mean more air and noise pollution, impacting public health and quality of life. This is especially concerning in a village that should be striving to remain environmentally responsible.

3.

Destruction of Natural Habitat

The proposed development threatens the natural woodland and green space, which is home to a range of local wildlife and contributes significantly to the rural character of Crawley Down. Removing these areas would have a devastating impact on the ecosystem, disrupting biodiversity and altering the landscape irrevocably.

4.

Overdevelopment and Infrastructure Strain

Crawley Down has already absorbed a number of new housing developments in recent years. This proposal represents clear overdevelopment, with no matching expansion in local infrastructure – including schools, GP surgeries, drainage systems, and public transport – to support the increased population. The local community simply cannot sustain this level of growth.

5.

Impact on Village Identity

This scale of development is out of character with the village setting. It risks turning Crawley Down into a suburban overspill, losing its unique identity and community spirit in the process. We need to preserve the village's semi-rural charm, not erode it with further large-scale construction.

For all of the above reasons, I urge the Planning Committee to refuse application DM/25/1593. This development is not in the best interests of the community, environment, or future sustainability of Crawley Down.

Thank you for your attention and for considering local residents' views on this matter.

Yours sincerely,



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