

Katherine Williams

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 July 2025 16:10
To: Katherine Williams
Cc: John Sullivan
Subject: Objection to Planning Application DM/25/1593 Woodlands Close, Crawley Down

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Dear Ms Williams,

Re: Objection to Planning Application DM/25/1593

I am writing to formally OBJECT to the proposed development.

As a resident of Kiln Road, who suffered through the development of the Burleigh Woods estate, I know only too well some of the problems that this development will bring. The junction priority given to the Burleigh Woods estate, was quite simply incorrect - Utter madness in fact. 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 exponentially. Adding another junction within less than 20 yards of that point, will only exacerbate the already dangerous situation with many more vehicle movements. I would like West Sussex Highways to formally determine if Woodlands Close is indeed wide enough to accept the proposed level of vehicular traffic onto the proposed development - I 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 'cleaning' 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.

There is an obvious pedestrian risk to placing the bungalow to the north of the access road, on its own island. This is completely ridiculous, and the development should be refused for that reason alone. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] attached dwelling was demolished to make way for the access road to Burleigh Woods and now there is a suggestion that [REDACTED] neighbour will also be demolished. [REDACTED]

It is 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. I estimate 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.

It is well known and documented that the local school does not have capacity for new students, the Doctors do not have capacity for new patients and the drainage system in Woodlands Close is already unfit for purpose. Adding more demand to these specific areas benefits no one.

For the reasons outlined above, I strongly urge the council to REJECT this planning application. Sadly however, if recent experience is indicative of future performance, I doubt very much that you will.

Yours sincerely,

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