

Katherine Williams

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 July 2025 16:32
To: Katherine Williams
Subject: Objection to planning application DM/25/1593

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Dear Ms Williams,

Re: Objection to Planning Application DM/25/1593 – Proposed Development of 48/50 Houses via Woodlands Close

I am writing to formally object to the proposed development of 48 to 50 houses at the above location. While I understand the need for new housing, we have already had numerous developments both in and around Crawley Down Village, where we have been residents for over 40 years. I believe this particular development is unsuitable and will have a detrimental impact on the local area for the following reasons:

1. Traffic Congestion and Road Safety:

The proposed development will significantly increase traffic volumes in an already congested area. Woodlands Close and surrounding roads, particularly the junction with Kiln Road, are not designed to accommodate such an increase. This raises serious safety concerns for pedestrians, especially school children and families using the area daily.

2. Impact on Pedestrian Safety:

With more vehicles, the risk to pedestrians will rise considerably. There are limited pedestrian crossings and traffic calming measures in place, making it hazardous for residents, particularly vulnerable groups such as children and the elderly.

3. Environmental Concerns:

The development threatens to disrupt the existing natural habitat and green spaces. This area provides a valuable ecological haven and contributes to the well-being of local residents. Further development risks the loss of biodiversity and alters the natural landscape irreversibly. Not forgetting the noise pollution that will affect current residents during and after the build, along with impact of heavy goods vehicles delivering supplies over many months of the construction.

4. Overdevelopment:

The scale of the proposed development is excessive for the size and character of the area. Such overdevelopment places an unsustainable strain on local infrastructure, including schools, healthcare services, drainage systems, and utilities. There has already been numerous large and smaller housing developments in and around Crawley Down over recent years, and more applications are already being discussed or already in the pipeline. The prices charged for these new homes are unobtainable to many first time buyers. The village is steady losing its identity and becoming a town without the amenities to support the community old and new.

5. Lack of Adequate Infrastructure:

There is currently insufficient infrastructure in place to support a development of this size. Without major improvements, local services will be overwhelmed, negatively impacting the quality of life for existing and new residents alike.

For the reasons outlined above, I strongly urge the council to reject this planning application.

Yours faithfully,

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