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Subject: Comments on application DM/25/1630 Land at Hurst Farm, Hurstwood Lane, Haywards heath, West Sussex

Importance: High

Good morning

I am writing to comment on the above application in regard to the planning application for a two form entry primary school and housing on the land at Hurst Farm, Hurstwood lane, Haywards Heath.

As a resident who lives on Hurstwood lane, we are extremely concerned about several issues, most of which have already been raised in previous planning objections in terms of intrusive destruction of wildlife habitats and non-preservation of biodiversity within the plans, increased traffic, increased traffic noise and an increased lack of accessibility out of the lane when turning right onto Fox Hill (due to no traffic measures which allow us to exit the lane in view of increased traffic flow).

The main issues are outlined below:

- **Highway/road safety, significant noise increase due to traffic and the cul-de-sac containing houses numbered 1-11:** This is where we live and at present, there are no plans which consider how our lives will be impacted particularly due to the lack of parking allocated to the school. Parents will be parking within our cul-se-sac to be able to drop their children off at the primary school with ease – there are several elderly residents here and we have had to have access for transport and ambulances here before which have already been blocked by dog walkers wishing to use the fields behind the pub. The increase in noise, traffic and traffic pollution on an already busy road, constitutes concerning highway safety issues. I have already raised a complaint to the Police in terms of unsociable and dangerous driving along Fox Hill (nothing has been done) and poor/broken signage of the 30mph limit. The lack of thought for residents already on Hurstwood lane is very clear from the plans. I have already asked for advice on this from the Council and case officer, and received no reply or support whatsoever. What can be done to prevent this for us? Equally – construction lorries and vans will also clearly be using this cul-de-sac (as they do already whenever there is work completed on the lane) and again, there has been no thought or regard for us here. The cul-de-sac needs to be considered and protected from further damage and use by construction workers and parents.
- **Access to the school:** There appears top be a footpath running around the edge of the school (around the school, playground and playing fields) which seems to be an access point into the school? This seems to mean that children and parents will not only be walking directly past the cul-de-sac to enter the school premises (there is no pavement at present and how will this work with current residents needing to exit the lane plus the amount of cars needing to exit/enter from the housing development planned behind the school?) but also will be walking directly behind our gardens in order to enter the school? It is not clear from the plans and the close vicinity of this means an increased level of noise and disruption from parents and children to local residents. I would have expected fencing to be put up as a perimeter around the school to prevent children exiting the playing grounds but also to prevent people entering the school this way too?

- **Landscaping and resident inputs:** Further to the point above, I feel strongly that residents who now have a school and a playground in their 'back yard' should have a say in the landscaping of the grounds to maximise privacy and promote noise reduction as we will be impacted greatly by this, not just from the school but the ongoing building works. It is clear that evergreen, mature, large trees should be planted along the perimeter to offer us as much privacy and protection as possible. The addition of the school and housing development has a significant overbearing impact and loss of outlook for all residents on Hurstwood Lane. Again, have asked how we as current residents, can positively contribute ideas for these plans but again, have not had any acknowledgement or response from the case officer on this matter.
- **The small Victorian building** situated in the field where the school is to be built, seems to be left out of any planning or development? This is irresponsible and needs to be restored and used in a meaningful way as part of the development. This is a small piece of local history as it belonged to the old asylum and should be considered within the development.

I look forward to reading the response,



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