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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 July 2025 20:02
To: planninginfo
Subject: planning application DM/25/1593 Woodland close.

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Dear Sir / Madam

I would like to make a comment on this proposed development.

There is no need to demolish any home in Woodland close and bring traffic into the close as there are already 3 existing accesses to the land in question.

The most logical would be to access from the beginning of the small private close Sycamore Lane. It appears that lane was put there for the purpose of one day creating an access to the field behind.

If the residents of S. Lane do not want that entrance "in their backyard" and have the right to refuse it because it is a private lane, how is it right that the people in Woodland Close does not have that right and will have to put up with more disturbance further into their little close than the people of Sycamore Lane would have to put up with. The Sycamore lane will anyway be very affected by the development as the open field disappears and they will have neighbours across the street.

The second access point is from Hornbeam place, which does not appear to be a private road. But it would mean more traffic through that estate.

The fairly new estate where Sycamore lane and Hornbeam Place are located are all there as a result of one house being removed in Woodland close. They have just been there a few years and it would make sense that they have less of a leg to stand on when it comes to rights than the long established homes in Woodland Close. Especially as access to the site from Sycamore makes much more sense and would have the least impact on the area.

The third access would be from Burleigh Lane, which again is a long established private road, and who's residents probably would not welcome the traffic to and from 48 new homes.

They may however not be that bothered if instead of 48 homes the land was used to build an exclusive estate of the same type that was built on the land that was greenhouses opposite Furnace Farm Road in Felbridge Road. This would still get rid of the dilapidated old industrial estate on the site and earn some money for the landowner, while making a much smaller impact on Crawley down infrastructure, school, and surgery. It would be the type of homes that are already common on Burleigh Lane and if , say 6 - 8 such homes were built, it would not make much of a difference to the traffic in Burleigh Lane.

Thank you for your attention. I hope you find these suggestions a better alternative than the unnecessary demolition in Woodland Close.

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