

## Andy Watt

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 23 January 2025 15:50  
**To:** Andy Watt  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Planning Application DM/24/2957 - Additional Objection Comments

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Dear Mr Watt,

Further to my email of yesterday, I provide you further comments in support of my objection to the Planning Application DM/24/2957.

A leading Copthorne Village resident concern is the matter of Brookhill Road and Copthorne Bank being an increased congested 'rat-run', that I consider will only get worse for the following reasons.

- Unlike many other towns and villages, Copthorne Village, does **NOT** have a council built car park.
- The A264 Copthorne Way is the **ONLY** south east of England 'A-Road' connecting to the M23 motorway for users to commute to or from Gatwick Airport, or the M25 motorway.
- Copthorne Way is the **ONLY** route for commuters to cross the M23 motorway in order drive to and from the Kent, Sussex, Hampshire and further county locations.
- Brookhill Road and Copthorne Bank are already heavily used by both buses, coaches, HGV vehicles and car users In order for them to gain access to and from the M23 via Copthorne Way.
- Because both Heathy Wood and Holly Farm housing estate residents have **NO** commercial or otherwise facilities, the Copthorne Way, Brookhill Road, Shipley Bridge Lane and Copthorne Bank are used for gaining access to the Copthorne pre-school, infant and junior schools, doctors surgery / pharmacy , local convenience stores, the Post Office, the Parish Hub, St John the Evangelist Church, etc.
- The logistic companies 'Amazon' and 'DHL' have recently taken units in the St Modwen Park adjacent to Copthorne Way, and have I suggest, resulted in the increased use of Brookhill Road and Copthorne Bank by company staff vehicles and their HGV and van type vehicles.
- The increased use by supermarkets to enable their products ordered on-line by customers has resulted in the use of large 'box' vans to deliver their orders at all times of the day, 7 days a week, many times causing traffic delay and congestion on Brookhill Road, Shipley Bridge Lane and Copthorne Bank.
- If approved, the second Gatwick Airport runway in order to meet the future 75 million passenger demand year by late 2030, plus 14,000 new jobs, will obviously result a **HUGE INCREASE** in the number of vehicles needing to access the airport, many using Copthorne Bank, Brookhill Road and Copthorne Way.

The present and probable future vehicle use of Copthorne Bank, already suffering 'rat-run' peak-time congestion issues, will be further exacerbated, if in addition to the 5 no. convenience stores presently operating in the Copthorne Village area, another was constructed on Copthorne Bank,

also a residential building with traffic congesting site entry and exit was constructed on Brookhill Road.

**I object to Planning Application DM/24/2957, and request the application NOT be approved during next appropriate Mid Sussex District Council Planning Committee Meeting.**

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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