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Objection to Planning application DM/25/3129 Land North of Balcombe Road, Haywards Heath

As a family and a resident at 4 Orchard Way, Haywards Heath, I strongly oppose the proposal of the construction of 125 homes on the above land.

My rationale and deep concerns surround the following;

1. **Road safety** - the existing roads do not support any further housing developments. Specifically, the Balcombe Road cannot absorb any further traffic without increasing the risk to lives and on-going damage to cars. It is a road where-by the width narrows significantly between the Barn Mead Road entrances, constricting traffic where cars often end up mounting the curbs. It is not safe for anyone to walk alongside each other on the pavement given the above risk and the speed of cars passing. Additionally, the speed and volume of additional traffic following the recent development on Hanlye Lane has already put added pressure and risks to an already very busy road. It can often take significant time to turn onto the Balcombe Road and cars have been clipped by others as the road narrows, I have personally been forced to pull into the side of the road to avoid being hit by larger vehicles. Lives will continue to be at greater risk when crossing the road at the top of the Balcombe Road (opposite Old Wickham Lane). Our children and many others attending the local schools in the area (Harlands, Oathall, Warden Park) risk their lives every day managing the crossing given the speed and increased volume of traffic.
2. **Insufficient Infrastructure** - specifically school places, dentists, doctors, hospitals as well as the local community gym is at capacity and under immense pressure. Appointments are very hard to secure (wait times for doctors is 4 weeks, ED can be 6-10 hours), parking is also impossible at the Dolphin. Further housing developments in this immediate area, on top of the recent developments of Hanlye Lane put further pressure on all critical services.
3. **Utility infrastructure**- there is insufficient power, water and drainage in this immediate area to support further development, as evidenced by Ardingly Reservoir last summer. Any additional housing will require significant investment in the above utilities, putting the small, local roads and community under un-due pressure where the demand for housing is not justified. To note specifically, our water pressure is already poor and we are concerned this will deteriorate further with increased pressure from a new development.

4. **Environment** – lastly, we strongly object the development on an area of outstanding beauty. We have deer and all types of wildlife visiting our garden, we are sufficiently away from fast roads where wildlife can flourish. All of this will be destroyed with any development on this area.

Please, please do consider all these points when determining if the above land is approved planning.

The impact will be immense and will bring much concern and stress for all those within the immediate area.

Kind regards



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