

# Katherine Williams

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 15 August 2025 09:59  
**To:** Katherine Williams  
**Subject:** DM/25/1593 proposed development in Crawley Down

Dear Katherine,

My name is [REDACTED] of 49 Bricklands, Crawley Down.

I'm writing as both a local resident and a dedicated animal rights advocate and someone deeply committed to rewilding the UK and reversing the mass extinction of wildlife. As such, I feel compelled to express my outrage at the proposed development of 48 dwellings off Woodlands Close (DM/25/1593), which I fiercely oppose.

## 1. Unacceptable Impact on Residents

For the residents of Woodlands Close, this peaceful cul-de-sac, home to many elderly people, would become a busy through-road for at least 120 new residents, plus delivery drivers, visitors, and tradespeople. My partner, who worked in estate agency for 10 years and property and block management for 5 years, can confirm that properties in quiet cul-de-sacs are always more desirable and valuable than those with constant traffic outside their windows. The residents of Woodlands chose that close for its peacefulness.

The building process itself will bring months, if not years, of unbearable noise and disruption-lorry movements, heavy machinery, and constant construction. Our home is close enough that the disturbance will greatly impact our peace and quality of life.

And let's be clear: the idea of forcing a through-road between two existing homes, effectively coercing residents to leave their long-standing, cherished family properties, is **diabolical**. Those who remain will face a busy road right outside their lounge and dining windows. It is unacceptable.

## 2. Wildlife, Nature, and Rewilding

Human greed is replacing fields and woodland with concrete at an alarming rate, stealing the very land our wildlife depends on. Here in Crawley Down, these fields are home to herds of deer, among many other species. Destroying their habitat forces them into smaller and smaller areas, and then, tragically, we “manage” the resulting overcrowding with culls. These are innocent, sentient beings who do not want or deserve to die.

Across Great Britain, wildlife species have been declining at a rapid rate; one-in-six species now face national extinction. Almost half of UK bird species have declined between 2015 and 2020, and the UK has already lost so much of its lowland meadows and pastures-habitats essential to biodiversity. This picture is devastating, and developments like this are a huge part of the problem!

Crawley Down's appeal has always been its quiet, semi-rural setting, with open skies, rich wildlife, and peaceful walking routes. There is an already-approved large development along the Turners Hill road that will soon ruin yet another one of the beautiful sunset points and nature walks, and now this proposal threatens to take even more. We should be preserving and restoring the land of Mother Earth, not pouring concrete over it. We should be protecting our animals not driving them to extinction!

### **3. Increased Traffic, Pollution and Danger**

Living near Kiln Road, I already see the challenges of traffic here due to the development built in recent years. ANOTHER development would significantly increase vehicle flow, adding noise, air pollution, danger to pedestrians, pets and wildlife, congestion, and further wear to roads.

### **5. Strain on Local Infrastructure**

Crawley Down simply does not have the facilities to cope. We have one small Co-Op, one small post office, and already overstretched doctors and schools. Adding yet more homes on top of the 350 already approved, plus the development built in recent years, will put impossible pressure on local services. It is already extremely difficult to get an appointment at the doctors. Can you imagine what it's going to be like with 2 new developments going ahead. We don't have the capacity to hold this many people in our lovely little village!

**WE DON'T WANT OUR VILLAGE TO HAVE MORE HOUSES. WE DON'T WANT OUR VILLAGE TO GET BIGGER!!!** No one I have spoken to wants this.

### **4. Village Values**

Our village is a lovely, close-knit community, with shared values of respect for nature and neighbourliness. Creating so many homes may attract people who do not share the same values as us village folk. This risks altering the character of Crawley Down, potentially changing the peaceful and respectful community we have built.

### **Conclusion**

This proposal threatens the very soul of Crawley Down-its wildlife, nature, its peace, its community, and its infrastructure. It is a betrayal of both our human and natural heritage. I urge you to reject DM/25/1593 and protect the land, the animals and the people, as well as the way of life that makes Crawley Down so special.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I'm happy to answer any questions if needed.

Kind Regards

