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Sent: 04 August 2025 10:41:01 UTC+01:00
To: "Katherine Williams" <katherine.williams@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/25/1593

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 04/08/2025 10:41 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	Woodlands Close And Land To The North Of Burleigh Lane Crawley Down Crawley West Sussex RH10 4JZ
Proposal:	The demolition of numbers 9-11 Woodlands Close together with the demolition of other existing buildings on site and erection of 48 dwellings (Use Class C3) with open space, landscaping, car parking and associated infrastructure including provision of internal access roads and access road onto Woodlands Close.
Case Officer:	Katherine Williams

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Customer Details

Address:	3 Sycamore Lane Crawley Down Crawley Drown
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	Resubmitted as comments cut short.
	Dear Case Officer,
	I wish to object to the development for a number of reasons as below.

1. Firstly, this site is allocated with the MSDC District Plan for 50 homes under reference SA22. Initially its access was indicated to be provided via either Sycamore lane (Where I live) or via Woodland Close. However back in 2021, the plan was modified to remove the option of access via Woodland Close. Indication was that this was to halt aggressive development with elderly homeowners being put under duress with £1million offers over asking and due to Highways access concerns.

The residents of neighbouring Burleigh Woods Estate own Sycamore Lane, and have been approached on 2 occasions with offers of monies per house and twice this has been voted for and unanimously refused. At this stage we wrote to the Public Consultation inspector asking for the allocation to be removed

Amazingly It seems now that this has been ignored and now a Planning application has been made with said access via Woodland Close. This is because I'm told the MSDC District Plan is not being supported by the current Government thus undoing any efforts from the proceeding Government.

This site should lose its allocation on the above basis.

2. This new access effectively makes the elderly owner of No. 13 Woodland Close an island (similar to the blockbuster movie Up) with an access road either side of her home. At a recent Worth Parish Council meeting, a statement was read on her behalf as she's too frail to attend herself. It's this not the worst case of aggressive and poorly thought-out development?

3. The land promoter's literature indicates they have consulted Worth PC, local residents and Football club on the scheme and S106 monies. They only consulted Worth PC after the application was made, and I feel that their current actions are untruthful and immoral! They have promised S106 monies that they cannot deliver. As mentioned above, after the planning application was made they did send a representative to meet residents, but this is retrospective engagement, contrary to their marketing paraphernalia. The development is therefore miss represented from a land and planning advertisement, aspect.

4. The village infrastructure cannot handle another 48 homes, circa 150 cars! There are residents with our estate that could not get their kids into the village primary school! That coupled with a struggling Doctor surgery, and crumbling drainage system, I cannot see how that development is justified or can be supported.

5. The village is struggling with infrastructure as is, not to mention the new approved 350 homes located on land off Turners Hill Road and Huntsland in the village. The village is effectively merging with East Grinstead, Turners Hill and Three Bridges.

6. The drainage strategy show surface water draining a surface water ditch which is owned by Burleigh Woods Residents Management company. We have already rejected this scheme and do not give permission to use our ditch. As such the site does not have a viable surface water drainage strategy.

7. Swept Path analysis shows that for a vehicle to access the new development from Kiln Road, turning into Woodlands Close forces vehicles to swing on to the wrong side of the road before turning left. I'd suggest that Road Safety Audit will echo previous Highways concerns about access via Woodland Close.

8. Dates on 'Notifications of Planning Application's. The Letter we have received in the post states that comments need to be received by 8th August 2025. However the 'Notifications of Planning Application' that are pinned to posts and walls near the development state comments need to be received by 15th August 2025. Therefore incorrectly advertised. As such I feel that some people may miss the opportunity comment/object. This administrative error is unforgivable and unclear and as such this process of consultation should be halted and investigated.

Kind regards