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To: "Steven King" <steven.king@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/25/0017

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 25/02/2025 5:37 PM.

Application Summary

Address: Land West Of Turners Hill Road And North Of Huntsland Turners Hill Road Crawley Down West Sussex

Proposal: Outline planning application (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale reserved) for the erection of up to 150 dwellings, a 65 bed care home, and community facility, and associated infrastructure including new access points off of Wychwood with associated spine road and car and cycle parking, together with provision of open space, play facilities, utilities infrastructure, surface water drainage features, and associated works.

Case Officer: Steven King

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Customer Details

Address: 11, Wychwood Place, Crawley Down Crawley

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour or general public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: We bought the property with the impression that it was an exclusive neighbourhood and were asked to contribute an annual maintenance fee towards the upkeep of the ground and roads of Wychwood Place. We obliged as it was exclusive to us. However,

the costs of this fee have increased tremendously over the years, which is a financial burden, and we feel that the company is fleecing us. Now, to throw into this mix, our already narrow roads are now being used by residents of the new estate further up, and there are these planning applications to build further, all eventually needing access through this narrow road. If this was the initial intention, the road should have been built wider, and houses should have been placed a little further inside instead of where they are positioned now. We have seen many new estates with provisions to build further, and the roads are built to accommodate traffic flow.

It is possible to have other alternative roads made to ease traffic flow. Still, I have learnt from reliable sources that neighbouring residents' objections have been taken on board, and Wychwood Place residents have had to take the brunt of this new flow of traffic and the future flow of these new applications. This does not seem fair and equitable, considering how these properties were sold to us.

Furthermore, the noise and light that shine through our property is disturbing. These narrow roads also increase the risk of accidents for residents and road users, particularly the elderly and children. Turning in and out of the estate into Turners Hill Road is already quite challenging and perilous during both ends of the rush hour. The only saving grace is the traffic lights just before Sandy Lane, which sometimes allow cars to come out safely when the lights are red, which is not the ideal situation. I have had several near misses myself entering and exiting the estate onto Turners Hill Road.

In summary, my concerns are:

- this is a private road, and it is not fair that it become a main road for general public access and for us to be charged high maintenance fees over and above council tax
 - alternative access must be factored in for this new application, and access must not be through Wychwood Place as the road is extremely narrow and poses an imminent danger to residents living there.
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Kind regards