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To: Katherine Williams
Subject: DM/25/1593 proposed development in Crawley Down

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Hi Katherine,

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I am writing in relation to the proposed development of 48 dwellings off Woodlands Close, Crawley Down (DM/25/1593).

As a local Crawley Down resident and homeowner, I vehemently oppose these planned works. Firstly, on behalf of the residents of Woodlands Close; if these works proceed, what is currently a wonderfully quiet and peaceful cul-de-sac (inhabited by many elderly people) will become, essentially, a through-road to the proposed development of around 50 properties. Based on the average UK household size of 2.35, this would equate to around 120 people now constantly using Woodlands Close to access their properties, and this doesn't even account for delivery drivers, trades people and visitors etc who would also be using the access road to visit these new properties. Nor does it account for the constant noise and disruption of lorries and building vehicles accessing to-and-fro throughout the duration of the building process, alongside the huge amount of noise caused by the building work itself. It goes without saying the value of the remaining properties in the Woodlands Close cul-de-sac would be reduced significantly as a result of these works; I worked in estate agency for almost 10 years but, even for the lay-person, it's not difficult to see that a property in a quiet cul-de-sac will achieve a higher selling price (or is worth more) than the same property that now has a busy through-road passing by their lounge and bedroom windows!

From a personal standpoint – I live at the end of Bricklands, very close to Kiln Road. The addition of another 50 properties would certainly detract from the enjoyment of my property as it would significantly increase traffic along Kiln Road as this is effectively one of only two roads leading towards Woodlands Close. Not only would this create extra noise, it would also lead to increase in pollution, increase the danger to pedestrians and pets, increase congestion and exacerbate the wear on roads that are already in a poor state that the Council don't seem to address. I feel that the development of these proposed properties would detract from the value of my property.

There are herds of deer that live in and around the land where these houses are planned. In the recent past, there has already been at least two major building developments in Crawley Down, with another huge development recently approved for around 350 homes. These animals will be driven out. This is getting out of hand. There is a clear and severe distaste from the residents of Crawley Down. I have absolutely no doubt in saying that no Crawley Down resident or homeowner wants these properties built. It doesn't benefit any of them. The only people that really stand to benefit are the developers. Any claim to the contrary is disingenuous.

Finally, Crawley Down does not have the facilities and infrastructure to cope with all of these new homes; it's already struggling without the addition of the 350 homes mentioned above. We have one VERY small Co-Op shop and a VERY small post office. Then there's the issue of doctors and schools. How Crawley Down is supposed to cater to all these extra residents is beyond me. This is something that affects everyone in Crawley Down and needs to be prevented at all costs. People have had enough.

Many thanks for your time and consideration. I would of course be happy to answer any questions if you had any.

Best wishes,

Rory Woodvine

Sent from my iPhone