

## Katherine Williams

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**From:** planninginfo@midsussex.gov.uk  
**Sent:** 31 July 2025 10:51  
**To:** Katherine Williams  
**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 31/07/2025 10:50 AM.

### Application Summary

**Address:** Woodlands Close And Land To The North Of Burleigh Lane Crawley Down Crawley West Sussex RH10 4JZ

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**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.

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**Case Officer:** Katherine Williams

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### Customer Details

**Address:** 1 Bricklands Crawley Down Crawley

### Comments Details

**Commenter Type:** Neighbour or general public

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**Stance:** Customer objects to the Planning Application

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**Reasons for comment:**

**Comments:** I am writing to formally object to planning application DM/25/1593 concerning the proposed demolition of 9-11 Woodlands Close and the erection of 48 dwellings, along with associated infrastructure.

While I understand the need for new housing, I have serious concerns about the negative impact this development would have on the local infrastructure, traffic flow, and pedestrian safety in our community. My primary objections are outlined below:

#### 1. Unsustainable Increase in Traffic

Kiln Road and Woodland Drive is already under significant strain from increased traffic due to the Burleigh Woods and Hazel Rise developments. Adding 48 new homes-each likely to have one or more vehicles-will further overload this residential road, which was never designed to accommodate such a high volume of traffic. The cumulative impact of successive developments is being ignored and must be addressed in full.

## 2. Unsafe Road Layout

The proposed access road to the development creates a highly problematic traffic junction where five roads would meet at a single point. This design is both confusing for drivers and dangerous for pedestrians, creating unnecessary risk at what would become a very busy and congested crossing area.

## 3. Pedestrian Safety - Especially for Children

My daughter crosses here daily to reach her school bus stop. The current proposal would significantly compromise pedestrian safety in the area by increasing traffic and adding more road junctions. The presence of five roads at the crossing point where children walk is especially concerning and poses an unacceptable risk.

## 4. Inappropriate Placement of the Access Road

The design of the development leaves one existing property isolated between two new roads. This is not only inconsiderate to the current residents but also shows a lack of coherent planning. It will result in significant noise, traffic disturbance, and reduced quality of life for the occupants.

## 5. Overstretched Local Infrastructure

Crawley Down village is already struggling to cope with the demands of its existing population. It is currently difficult to get a GP appointment, and many children already do not get in to the local primary school. Adding 48 more homes-potentially over 150 new residents-will push local services beyond breaking point. There is no clear plan to address this increase in demand. Until proper investment is made in medical, educational, and transport infrastructure, further development should not proceed.

### Conclusion

For the reasons above, I urge the planning authority to reject this application. The proposed development poses unacceptable risks to traffic and pedestrian safety, negatively impacts existing residents, and places unsustainable pressure on village infrastructure that is already struggling to meet current demand.

Yours faithfully

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Kind regards