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To: "Katherine Williams" <katherine.williams@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
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Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 08/08/2025 1:21 PM.

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: 4 Sunnymead Station Road Crawley Down

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	I wish to register a strong objection to the proposed development on the following grounds: 1. Inadequate Local Infrastructure The village already suffers from extremely limited access to essential amenities, including the lack of availability for clinical service of a nearby GP surgery. Our local school has limited or no

available place to accommodate our residents of the village. Current infrastructure is insufficient to meet existing demand, and any further development would place unsustainable pressure on already overstretched services.

2. Ongoing Environmental and Public Health Issues

There are frequent incidents of sewage drains overflowing, creating environmental hazards and potential health risks. Flooding from surface water is also a persistent problem, exacerbated by the loss of natural flood plains. Further development in this area would worsen these issues, increasing both the frequency and severity of flooding events.

3. Loss of Biodiversity and Irreplaceable Habitat

The site in question is home to a wide range of wildlife, including deer, foxes, and badgers, as well as an abundance of native flora and fauna. This area forms part of a vital ecological network and should be preserved as a conservation zone. Development here would lead to the irreversible destruction of natural habitats, forcing wildlife further into residential areas and disrupting local ecosystems.

4. Contradiction to Environmental Policy and Conservation Goals

The UK government has committed to protecting biodiversity and reducing habitat loss. Approving this proposal would directly contradict these commitments, undermining both local and national conservation priorities.

Conclusion

Given the serious deficiencies in local infrastructure, the existing environmental challenges, and the high ecological value of the site, this proposal should be rejected in its entirety. The long-term environmental cost and strain on local services far outweigh any short-term economic gain. This land should remain protected and designated for conservation.

Kind regards