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To: "Steven King" <steven.king@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/25/0016

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 05/03/2025 8:06 AM.

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: Thorne House Turners Hill Road Crawley Down

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour or general public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: My objection to this sizeable development - 350 houses plus a care home - is as follows:

1. Traffic. Turners Hill Road is already a busy B road, not

designed to handle the ever-increasing amount of traffic. In the 15 years I have lived on it, traffic flow has not only increased substantially but runs earlier in the mornings and later at night. Repairs are necessary frequently, which often gridlocks the village. The only access to the proposed development, would add hundreds more car journeys daily to this road. Especially with the likely expansion of Gatwick airport, as a major local employer, too

2. Flooding & water run-off. This proposal would be the fourth (and by far the largest) development in recent years along this section of Turners Hill Road. Properties, including my own, are increasingly seeing their gardens and driveways, as well as footpaths and roads flooded by the speed of the run-off during storms. Climate change means more storms, house and associated road building, speeds up the run-off (compared to pasture and woodland) and existing drains, some of which are still Victorian, cannot cope. Repeated requests to the council to improve the drainage along TH road have not been actioned. Dredging is not helping in the long term.

3. This proposal sees no infrastructure to support the already stretched village services in Crawley Down, except a community space and playground. The doctors, school and shops are insufficient to provide for the village as it stands, let alone with another 350 households and a 65-bed care home which will need medical support. If this development does go ahead in some form it MUST come with infrastructure conditional to it.

4. Loss of wildlife habitat and corridors. The whole of the proposed site is pasture and rough grazing, alongside woodland, some of which is ancient. While the woodland is being retained, it cannot exist in isolation without the 'edge habitats' to support it. There will be a loss of biodiversity as a result. There are brownfield sites also earmarked for development, more suited to housing and will have less impact.

5. Likelihood of further development. The village boundaries as stated on local plans and areas of countryside planning restraint document have been eroded and ignored for many years. When does this stop? The documented intention was to prevent East Grinstead and Crawley join and Copthorne and Crawley Down, for that matter. This proposal is the latest - and with Firs Farm and other applications in progress - that will ensure 'the village' that people move here to be part of will no longer exist. The rural character of the surrounding countryside is becoming suburbanised and Crawley Down will soon be a suburb of Crawley.

Kind regards