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To: Katherine Williams
Subject: Objection to Planning Application DM/25/1593 – Proposed Development of 48/50 Houses via Woodlands Close
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Dear Ms Williams,

Re: Objection to Planning Application DM/25/1593 – Proposed Development of 48/50 Houses via Woodlands Close

As a resident of Bricklands (the seemingly forgotten road behind Woodlands Close), I am writing to formally object to the proposed development of the currently requested 48 to 50 houses at the above location. While I understand the need for new housing, I believe this particular development is very unsuitable and will have a detrimental impact on the local area for the following reasons:

1. Traffic Congestion and Road Safety:

The proposed development will significantly increase traffic volumes in an already congested area. Kiln Road near the junction with Station Road, continuously has cracks and pot holes that need repairing - as demonstrated with over 10 (about 13) patches added to the already patchwork road this month as well as regular work on a yearly basis.

2. Impact on Pedestrian Safety:

With an increase in vehicles, the risk to pedestrians will rise considerably. There are limited pedestrian crossings which is concerning for the many children, elderly and cyclists who move around the village. As a dog walker and driver I have witnessed many drivers having to go around legally parked cars on Kiln Road and as I noted above, more vehicles will raise the risk.

3. Environmental Concerns:

The development threatens to disrupt the existing natural habitat and green spaces. This area provides a valuable ecological haven and contributes to the well-being of local residents. Further development risks the loss of biodiversity and alters the natural landscape irreversibly.

Again, as a resident of Bricklands I see wild deer in the Woodlands Close woods that are a part of the proposed development, there are also bats, badgers and foxes.

It needs to be strongly noted the flooding that takes place at the junction of Bricklands and Kiln Road, and the water saturation at the back of Bricklands/Bricklands properties every winter. The flooding is a major concern regarding as extra homes/concreted areas and removal of plant-life will no doubt lead to an increase in water in said areas. (see photo below).

Also there is a danger of flooding along Burleigh Lane in the winter as this road also gets easily saturated - this would also run through the proposed site as this is where the run off goes, and in all likelihood head to Bricklands(see photo). Please note that the soil composition of Bricklands is clay, meaning water remains on the surface.

I feel there is a very high probability of flooding to houses in the Bricklands area due to the above.

4. Overdevelopment:

The scale of the proposed development is excessive for the size and character of the area. Such overdevelopment places an unsustainable strain on local infrastructure, including schools, healthcare services, drainage systems, and utilities.

5. Lack of Adequate Infrastructure:

There is currently insufficient infrastructure in place to support a development of this size. Without major improvements, local services will be overwhelmed, negatively impacting the quality of life for existing and new residents alike.

I will be sending further complaints regarding Modality and the medical provision in the future, but one of the reasons why they are so poor is the amount of residents that they have on their roll - this is another major concern, especially with the extra houses planned for Crawley Down as noted this week.

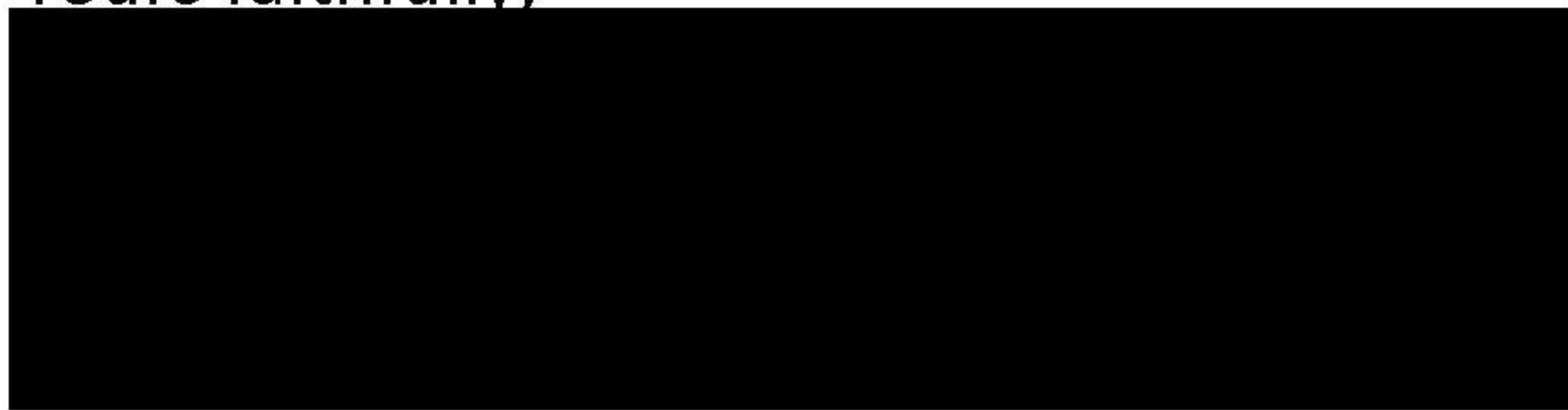
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Village?

I moved to Crawley Down six years ago as it was a village, I wanted to move away from towns - not move into a village that is growing into a town.

For the reasons outlined above, I strongly urge the council to reject this planning application.

Yours faithfully,

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