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To: Caroline Grist
Subject: PLANNING APPLICATION DM/25/2720

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Dear Ms Grist

Below is my objection to the above planning application. I should be grateful if you would confirm it comprises a valid objection and has been recorded and placed on record.

Dear MSDC Planning Committee members

I am writing to set out my objections to the planning application DM/25/2720 Erection of 6 two bedroom apartments within a single 3 storey apartment block

My objections are as follows:

1. Were it not for MSDC's failure to consultant there would be a Local Plan in place which fulfil the National Planning Policy Framework requirement to identify a deliverable a five year housing land supply. This development is not therefore needed, least of all in what has become over the last 10 years an over-developed area of Haywards Heath.
2. If this development was necessary for the citizens of Haywards Heath it should have been put forward and considered as part of the original development of the out-of-character blocks under DM/15/5107 and DM/16/5547. A previous attempt to over-develop this site (DM/20/3456) was rejected in April 2021. Seeking permission again now is a further attempt at over-development by stealth and squeezing an additional block into the small patch of land adjacent to the railway embankment makes the whole western end of the development look exceedingly cramped. The proposed development is in a prominent position on high ground ahead of the established building line which makes it look like an attempt to squeeze in another block in order to maximise a developers profits rather than an aesthetically pleasing, well-thought out development.
3. The proposed development will have a harmful impact on the semi-rural character of the area on a key approach road to Haywards Heath. The proposed development also destroys the views to the South Downs along Rocky Lane, Old Rocky Lane and High Bridge and results in loss of the agreed landscaping under DM/15/5107. The application therefore appears to be in breach of policies DP21 and DP26 of MSDC Plan and policies E9 and H8 of HHNP.
4. The proposal provides insufficient parking for the proposed new apartments let alone doing anything to provide sufficient parking for the existing residents of Kilnwood Apartments. There is already substantial overspill parking from the existing Kilnwood Apartments developments which causes periodic, dangerous backing up of traffic on the Relief Road roundabout by vehicles exiting the roundabout at a walking pace in order to negotiate the parked traffic on the 180 degree turn into Rocky Lane. I have continued to report these incidents to the local police and WSCC Highways. I can provide photographic evidence of the overspill parking if required.
5. Again insufficient assessment has been made of the increased traffic exiting and entering Kilnwood Apartments along the "shared space" of (Old) Rocky Lane from the existing bollards to the pavement at the Relief Road roundabout. There continue to be a significant number of vehicle/vehicle, vehicle/pedestrian and vehicle/cyclist accidents and near misses as a result of the volume of traffic created by the existing development. I have attempted to report these incidents to the local police who have referred me to WSCC. I have attempted to report these incidents to WSCC Highways Department who have referred me to the local police. In fact the situation, particularly in Spring and Summer when pedestrian and cyclist traffic is at its peak, has become so dangerous that I have added a gate to my boundary fence so I do not have to

subject my grandchildren to the risk of being injured or killed. I fear the matter will only continue to get worse as a result of the proposed development, the additional overspill parking onto (Old) Rocky Lane and the increased traffic volume.

6. The proposed development will create misery and upset for the local residents who have already had to endure the repeated breaches of the planning conditions when the 3 original blocks were constructed. I myself reported almost a dozen and am aware many other separate breaches were reported by other local residents. I can provide copies of the emails if required.

Kind regards



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