



HOUSE OF COMMONS  
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I am writing on behalf of my constituents living in Crawley Down as their Member of Parliament for the East Grinstead & Uckfield Constituency.

Many local residents have written to me to object to the above planning applications and so on their behalf I am writing the below.

To surmise the main points of concern:

- Local residents object to 350 additional housing units fearing that this will lead to overdevelopment fundamentally changing the character of their local village. This represents significant growth in Crawley Down – as high as 25% according to some estimates
- The access point via Wychwood Place is clearly unsuitable for development of this magnitude and was clearly designed for a much small development. Planning officers should request that plans be revised in this regard to mitigate the impact on local residents.
- The proposed land has significant issues of drainage. Adding a development of this size and associated run off will make this issue worse in the view of local residents. They have alerted me to frequent surface water flooding on nearby roads, gardens and woods. Planning consent should be withheld until local residents and the parish council are assured on appropriate flood mitigation measures.
- The capacity and performance of local health services is a long running issue which I am working with partners to resolve. Nevertheless, in the absence of significant improvement here, I do not believe local health services at present can cope with additional residents and also the high need patients located at the proposed care home.
- In addition, there is widespread concern with the capacity of the local road network, not least with the significant development already granted planning permission elsewhere in Mid Sussex and Tandridge.

I hope planning officers and the planning committee will pay every consideration to these concerns from my constituents and local residents, when assessing the suitability of this site.

Yours faithfully,

**Mims Davies**  
**Member of Parliament for East Grinstead & Uckfield**