

Comments summary

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Reference	DC/25/0102
Site Address	Land at Campsfield Linfield Close Southwater West Sussex RH13 9FR
Case officer	Nicola Pettifer
Proposal	Outline application with all matters reserved except for access for up to 82 dwellings with vehicular and pedestrian accesses, public open space, noise mitigation measures, landscaping, foul and surface water drainage and associated works.

Comment details

Contributor address	4 Linfield Close Southwater RH13 9FU
Comment stance	Object
Commenter Type	Neighbour

Comment

I am writing to object to the proposal for 82 dwellings with vehicular and pedestrian access at Campsfield, Linfield Close Southwater. We are residents of No 4 Linfield Close and this development is proposed to be built to the south of our property (when facing the property). This land sits next to our property. Firstly, we would not welcome the noise and disturbance that comes with building works. My other concern is that Southwater is already considered to be an over developed village, resulting in a vast amount of traffic going through the village daily. We have seen a lot of wildlife already being forced away from their habitat, when this could be avoided. My understanding is that our infant and primary schools are already full, forcing a reduction in the catchment area within the village. Furthermore, many drive their children to school, with limited parking, forcing parents to park in the petrol station at school drop off and pick up times. Despite the installation of pedestrian crossings, it is an accident waiting to happen. Anyone moving to this proposed area with pre secondary school children are not likely to fall within the Southwater catchment area. I understand also, from recent years that a number of children in the village have not received their choice of secondary school in Horsham, being forced to attend schools outside of the district. I am not confident that Millais school going co-ed in 2026 will have a significant impact on this. Myself and my partner are registered to GP's in Horsham and although the Southwater surgery recently shared that they have spaces available for new patients, these are limited. There is a further continuation of the Berkley home estate planned for 2026, which will increase the population, along with traffic further. There are a number of trees on this area of land, which look to have been purposely planted, generating a vast amount of wildlife. These trees are also a big contributing factor to noise reduction of traffic on the A24. We do not need any more houses built in Southwater. It has become over populated with limited infrastructure. Overall, with the number of development sites around the Horsham area, the infrastructure does not comply to the amount of people moving into the area. Our surgeries are full, our local Hospital is limited, we do not have enough schools and this is creating more congestion everywhere. The other factor to take into consideration is water neutrality, as I understand that this has been an issue in areas, such as the Bohunt/Mowbray development site. Above all, I think that I can speak on behalf of many when I say that we have limited country side surrounding us now and we just want to see what little we do have untouched and protected from more developments.

Reason(s) for comment

Trees and Landscaping
Overdevelopment
Privacy Light and Noise
Highway Access and Parking