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Sent: 14 October 2025 11:09
To: Jason.Hawkes
Subject: DC/25/1312 Planning Application for Land West of Ifield

Dear Jason

I am a member of the Rusper and Newdigate Bridleways Association and an owner of three horses. I write now to log my concern over how this proposed development will affect traffic in the area and increase the risk to vulnerable road users such as horse riders and cyclists. Where provision for cyclists has been allowed in the planning there is no mention of equestrian use. Many of the cyclists who use our roads are not local but there are many local horse riders who you have not considered. Surely we need to take care of the community, its needs and interests which have prevailed and endured over the years, making the area safe for all to enjoy. Bridleway provision in the area is poor and riders are forced to use what have become increasingly unsafe roads. Provision and consideration needs to be given to our equine population which is a characteristic of Rusper and its surrounds. Riding on surrounding roads has become much more dangerous over the last 14 years I have lived here and many near misses and accidents have occurred. With the possibility of this new development with its substantial increase in traffic on village roads I believe we will be losing the very core of what has made the area a place of outstanding natural beauty.

Please think widely on the local character of the place and provide the means for all to safely enjoy what it has to offer.

Kind regards