

For the attention of Jason Hawkes esq.,
Horsham District Council Cabinet and Councillors,
Dear Sirs,

West of Ifield site - DC/25/1312

I would confirm that I object to planning application DC/25/1312 for West of Ifield for the following planning reasons.

Homes England's Tree Removal Plan shows that the southern half of the application site, currently Ifield Golf Course, contains widespread dense groups of mature trees.



The large tree group, coloured red, on the west of the site, is to be cut down and removed to make way for a sports facility which is of questionable value.

Tree groups coloured yellow which occupy most of the centre of the site are labelled: -

“As many trees retained as possible”!!

These are outlined in red.



The red outline gives an idea of the scale of Homes England's proposal to destroy as much as 50% of the beautiful trees that have been absorbing and storing carbon for as much as 100 years.



The southern part of Homes England's "Illustrative Housing Layout" is indicated here

The area outlined in red encloses of the order of 800 of the total 3000 planned houses for the overall development.

But surely we can assume that HE would generously propose to stick to the principle:

“As many trees retained as possible”!!

However, sadly, it rather looks like Homes England have only managed to retain **NO TREES!!**

Homes England have claimed that their “Masterplan” has been designed to respond “sensitive” to the existing landscape, however.....



.....it would be an act of insensitive vandalism to replace environmentally invaluable trees with HE’s “Neighbourhood Centre – characterised by flats, office blocks and high density housing”



Sadly, the following photographs give an idea of how appalling the proposed destruction would be.



South boundary of the site. Most of these trees would go!!



Southwest boundary. Half of these would go.



10th tee. Most of these would go.

For the above reasons, I respectfully urge Horsham District Council to refuse this hybrid planning application.

Yours faithfully,

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