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Dear Mr Hawkes,

Further to my earlier eMail of today, here is qualification on points 3) and 4) on my objection lodged online on 09/10/2025 8:58AM

3.The threat to the Historic Manor of Ifield and its flora and fauna.

Following boundary changes made in the last century, half of the ancient parish of Ifield was (unaccountably) moved under control of Horsham DC. The land in question, marked on a map of circa 1910 which I could send if required, has never been recognised as coming under Ruser, the roads have always been marked as "Ifield" - eg in the vicinity of the former Gate Inn - and Ifield itself is recognised as Crawley and not Horsham. The St Mary's church and Village Conservation area were back then central to Ifield Parish, although since the boundary change they are now on the periphery. The whole area including Ifield Court Park with its 'ancient monument' listed moat, Ifield Wood, The Mount, Ifield Green, Tweed Lane, Bonwyck's Place, Furlong Farm etc is favoured by dog walkers such as myself.

There is also the biodiversity consideration - ancient hedgerows and mature trees are threatened by the development, plus the myriad of fauna such as hedgehogs, moles, voles, and other field and tree dwellers - I have even seen deer when out walking. As for the protected Ifield Brook Meadows, I have witnessed the gradual disappearance of the rabbits and squirrels that used to be in abundance and I have my own theory that Hones for England have something to do with that !

4.The persistence of government agency Homes for England in pursuing a scheme already declared unsound.

The scheme for, from memory, 5000 homes which contained some elements of feasibility (I will cover in 8) was declared unsound by the Planning Inspector last Christmas but is now back on the table in a watered-down version. The proposed site is not included in HDC's adopted Local Plan, which means the application is speculative and taking advantage of uncertainties over the future existence of HDC and CBC - both under threat from the Governments new plan of a single unitary authority. Sly, opportunistic and undemocratic.

More to come !

Yours sincerely,

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