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Dear Mr Hawkes,

Continuing on the theme of elaboration on my objections to planning application DC/25/1312 West of Ifield, here are some further points I wish to make:

5.The destruction of Ifield Golf Course and encroachment on a conservation area.

In the late 1990s my wife (who shares the views I am lodging) and I attended a public consultation meeting hosted by both Horsham District Council and Crawley Borough Council, when the need for a new housing development west of Ifield was originally mooted. Two alternative schemes were put forward, one of which was to build on a landfill site with good access from the A264 Horsham to Crawley Road, and the other to use the land occupied by Ifield Golf Club with the proviso that a new Golf Course would be built nearer to St Margarets Church and the Ifield Conservation area to preserve the tranquil setting. The conclusions reached at the end of a long evening were:

a) the public would accede to one of the schemes going through, not both;

b) as a lesser of two evils, the brownfield site would be favoured hence Kilnwood Vale came about.

It now seems that we are getting both schemes after all, and the public see this as a betrayal. And what makes it worse is that the promise to provide the replacement golf course will be reneged on.

As the golf course land has now been purchased and could in theory be built on immediately the covenant expires at the end of next year, I am resigned to a small scale development but at the same time am supportive to the protest of Ifield Golf Club members who have lost their existing facility and also the hope for an alternative local accommodation. But there it should end.

I have mentioned the tranquil setting of the conservation area around the church and believe this should be preserved at all costs, especially as the consideration of risk of subsidence has been highlighted.

6.A counter proposal has been formulated to turn the area into a 'Country Park'.

I would draw reference to the Ifield Society campaign fronted by [REDACTED] that "Ifield Brook Meadows is part of an ancient parish landscape and must be preserved as a whole, not broken up or traded away": I am fully supportive of the alternative proposal, put to you [REDACTED] and acknowledged by your goodself, to "CREATE IFIELD PARK WITHIN A DESIGNATED PARISH NATIONAL LANDSCAPE (Formerly AONB)".

Many thanks for your continued consideration,

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