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Dear Sirs

I object to planning application DC/25/1312 for the following planning reasons:-

Your plan includes the destruction of Ifield golf course. Your initial mitigation for this was because you said that Ifield golf course was surplus to requirements. That was not true at the time and it is certainly not true now. You state that the 550 members of Ifield golf club could be relocated at Tilgate and Rookwood. Neither of these golf courses are up to the very high standards of Ifield which celebrates its centenary in 2027. Ifield is not just used by the members. It is a facility used by many visiting golf societies, green fee golfers and members of other clubs whom we hold matches against on a regular basis.

We have lost many golf course holes recently due to current or proposed development. These include Rusper, Horsham golf and fitness, part of Mannings Heath, West Chiltington, part of Cottesmore and Wildwood. The loss of Ifield would be a travesty. Ifield is not just a golf course, it is a facility where young and old meet on a regular basis to enjoy the sport they love. The youngest member is aged six and the eldest is 101. You speak in your planning application about providing public open spaces and sports pitches. We have those facilities at present at Ifield golf course. Why would you want to destroy it? Ifield is not just about a golf course. It is the home of many species of wildlife, trees and hedgerows, all of which would be destroyed along with the wildlife that makes these places their home.

You speak of water extraction boreholes to overcome the water neutrality problem. What guarantee do you have that water will be available from these boreholes indefinitely?

I don't suppose that any of the team involved in this plan have ever driven regularly driven along the roads in West of Ifield. The roads are in very poor condition and the congestion is a serious problem. If you were to build 3000 houses here with an average of 1.2 cars per household, that would make the congestion overwhelming and the whole area would become gridlocked. You seem to think that by providing cycle paths, motorists will all take to cycling instead of driving their cars. You seem to be looking into a fantasy world. Some motorists may occasionally cycle when the weather is clement, but what happens when it's cold or wet? That's right, everyone will jump into their cars. Highway access and parking is already inadequate and would certainly not be improved by the addition of 3000 houses and a few cycle paths.

Your master plan is to build 10,000 houses between Horsham and Crawley. This is a ridiculous plan. We don't need it and we don't want it. The whole area is now running at over capacity and cannot possibly support this additional proposed development.

Your whole plan is not feasible as it is entirely based on future wishful thinking.

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

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