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Application DC/25/1312 – West of Ifield Hybrid Application.

Dear Mr Hawkes

I am writing to object to the planning application DC/25/1312 West of Ifield
For the following planning reasons.

Ifield Golf course is a fabulous open green space that benefits not only its members but also those who live close by and walk the public footpaths which go through the course. It has plenty of wildlife such as wonderful deer, several varieties of geese, butterfly's, buzzards, hawks and many more species of birds and many species of fish in its various ponds. I am a member, and I play golf regularly (2 to 3 times a week) which gives me plenty of exercise keeping me fit and healthy and the social side is good for my wellbeing. Ifield Golf Club has over 500 members both male and female from as young as seven to the eldest at 101! We have over 5,000 visitors per year and over 35,000 rounds of golf are played there last year. It is the only golf course in the borough of Ruster. Our clubhouse is used not only by golfers but is also made available to also to the wider population of Crawley and is used for various functions such as weddings, wakes, birthday celebrations, quiz nights, parties, Cabaret nights, Sunday Roasts, charity functions and much more.

We are always being encouraged to plant more trees to help with climate change, well did you know the forest commission planted an additional 8,500 trees on Ifield golf course only 16 years ago now Homes England want to cut them down! We have thousands splendid trees on our golf course such as magnificent large Oak trees which are way over 100 years old and these surely must not be cut down! Even with all these trees on our course it is still is proan to flooding and it would be a disaster to build on

this undeveloped land which acts as a water soak and undoubtedly would result in homes being flooded and with the very strong possibility of suffering from subsidence.

If we lost our almost 100year old **Ifield Golf Course** which has been proven that this is NOT surplus to requirements so this would be unlawful and to suggest that Ifield members could go to either Tilgate or Rockwood is just unacceptable. Ifield members are able travel to the club by car walk, cycle, train or bus as Ifield Golf club have the facility to store your golf clubs on site which Rockwood and Tilgate do not provide so this would not be assessable too many. Both Rockwood and Tilgate are both Pay & Play clubs and not member's club so certainly **not** like for like.

I strongly object to the planning application to build on Ifield Golf Club.

Yours Sincerely

