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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/25/1312
Categories: Comments Received

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 08/10/2025 7:34 AM.

Application Summary

Address: Land West of Ifield Charlwood Road Ifield West Sussex

Proposal: Hybrid planning application (part outline and part full planning application) for a phased, mixed use development comprising: A full element covering enabling infrastructure including the Crawley Western Multi-Modal Corridor (Phase 1, including access from Charlwood Road and crossing points) and access infrastructure to enable servicing and delivery of secondary school site and future development, including access to Rusper Road, supported by associated infrastructure, utilities and works, alongside: An outline element (with all matters reserved) including up to 3,000 residential homes (Class C2 and C3), commercial, business and service (Class E), general industrial (Class B2), storage or distribution (Class B8), hotel (Class C1), community and education facilities (Use Classes F1 and F2), gypsy and traveller pitches (sui generis), public open space with sports pitches, recreation, play and ancillary facilities, landscaping, water abstraction boreholes and associated infrastructure, utilities and works, including pedestrian and cycle routes and enabling demolition. This hybrid planning application is for a phased development intended to be capable of coming forward in distinct and separable phases and/or plots in a severable way.[cr]

Case Officer: Jason Hawkes

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Customer Details

Address: 5 St Catherines Road Crawley

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Loss of General Amenity
Comments:	<p>I wish to lodge a formal objection to the proposed removal of Ifield Golf Course for housing development.</p> <p>Homes England have stated that there are sufficient local golfing facilities and that a like-for-like replacement is not required. However, this could not be further from the truth. As Crawley's population continues to grow and we face an ongoing decline in both physical and mental health across the community, the demand for accessible outdoor recreational spaces - including golf courses - is increasing, not decreasing.</p> <p>Ifield Golf Course is a well-established, open, and welcoming course suitable for players of all abilities, particularly beginners and those looking for a relaxed golfing experience. In contrast, Tilgate Golf Course offers a very different experience. It is a much narrower, heavily wooded course that presents a significantly higher level of difficulty. I encourage anyone making decisions on this matter to view satellite images comparing the two sites - the difference is clear.</p> <p>While Tilgate serves an important purpose, it does not replace the accessibility and inclusivity of Ifield. Many local golfers, myself included, find Tilgate unsuitable for the type of play we enjoy, and its design discourages newcomers to the sport.</p> <p>In addition, Ifield Golf Course provides an important natural habitat for a wide range of wildlife. When playing there, we regularly see deer and many other species that thrive in this green, open space. The loss of the course would not only affect local golfers but also lead to the destruction of these animals' homes and the biodiversity that makes this area so special.</p> <p>As Crawley's population grows, removing Ifield Golf Course would force residents - young and old alike - to travel 15 to 20 miles to access equivalent facilities. This is unnecessary and counterproductive when an established, high-quality course already exists within our community.</p> <p>I therefore strongly object to the proposed removal of Ifield Golf Course and urge planners to reconsider this short-sighted decision.</p>

Kind regards

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