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Dear Mr Hawkes,

I would like to express concern regarding this development. I live at 14 Coney Close, Crawley, RH11 7QA which is right beside the Ifield Avenue. The local roads are clogged now so it will be far worse. Ifield Station has a tiny platform for 4 coaches with no room to expand and no car park. Again there is no room to put one in. The service from there can also be erratic. We all know that people are going to use their cars instead.

The land itself is somewhere I have walked my dogs for years. In winter it is waterlogged. These developments promise drainage and infrastructure but do not deliver. It's well known that Kilnwood Vale's sewage overflows into the local river during heavy rainfall. They also do not have the train station that was promised to them years ago.

On the subject of infrastructure, these developers do not deliver. The sheer amount of houses planned will put an enormous strain on local services in Crawley which are already struggling, not least education. Water is a problem generally in the south east and most towns are completely traffic choked. I have noticed a difference with. Crawley over the past 10 years or so.



I understand the need for decent housing but this development won't be affordable for local people on minimum wage and as we have seen time and time again, the infrastructure is never provided or if it is it's the bare minimum. The irony of Crawley having been a new town is not lost on me and I'm sure the original residents of the three villages felt the same about what happened to their local area. However, maybe the government should consider creating new towns complete with decent infrastructure and public facilities in place before the houses are occupied. I know our government (and most of them prior to this one) do not think about the long term but maybe they should start!

Kind regards,

