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Alice Johnson, Case Officer
Planning Department
Horsham District Council

Planning ref: Planning Application No. DC/25/0486

Dear Alice,

Location of application: Oakhurst Centre West Chilton Lane Coneyhurst RH14 9DN

Details of application: Outline application for the demolition of existing buildings and erection of 9 No self-build / custom build dwellings with all matters reserved

I am submitting this objection to planning application DC/25/0486 for and on behalf of the Ramblers in my role as West Sussex Area Footpath Officer. The issues raised relate specifically to the Public Right of Way (PRoW) that crosses the application site.

A PRoW in the form of footpath 1925 passes through the application site, running roughly south to north from a junction with footpath 1924 that borders the southern boundary of the site. Footpath 1924 forms part of the Sussex Diamond Way, an established National Trail.

The section of footpath 1925 that passes through the application site and beyond has been unavailable for use by the public for a considerable period as it is obstructed by the existing buildings and other structures within the site. It is acknowledged that the outline plans require the existing buildings to be demolished and indicate that footpath 1925 will be integrated into the proposed development. However there is no commitment to reinstate the footpath and thus we object to the application in its current form without assurance that this will be addressed as a planning condition.

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