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THE BATTLE FOR THE PARISH SOUL OF IFIELD

If we lose the battle for Ifield Golf Club,
we will lose the battle for Ifield Brook Meadows

JOIN THE WALK TO PROTECT OUR PARISH 



9.45am from The Plough: Peaceful parish walk to Ifield Golf Club



- Passes Ifield Barn Theatre and Ifield Brook Meadows



10.45am: Protest at Ifield Golf Club

THIS IS NOT JUST ABOUT THE GOLF COURSE

- A parish under threat without scrutiny
- Homes England disregarding process
- Council democracy weakened
- Community defenders silenced

Bring family and neighbours!  All ages welcome 

This is a peaceful parish walk to protect:



Community.



Character.



Democracy.

THE IFIELD SOCIETY

Dear Jason Hawkes and HDC Team

If we lose the battle for Ifield Golf Club, we risk losing the battle for Ifield Brook Meadows — and much more besides [‘Campaigners plan New Year to protest decision to close golf club’, Crawley Observer, Dec 30]

The decision to close the golf club is not simply about sport or leisure. It goes to the heart of what this parish stands for: community, heritage, landscape, and democratic process.

For generations, Ifield Golf Club has been part of our community fabric - a place where people have met, walked, and belonged. Its closure, before planning has been decided, is unprecedented and corrosive. When a community asset can be shut down before the full democratic process unfolds, we are not just losing land. We are losing trust, confidence, and the sense that local voices matter [‘Seven human implications of the West of Ifield planning application and the closure of Ifield Golf Club’, Crawley Observer, Dec 29].

This is not an anti-housing rally cry. It is a demand for fairness, transparency, and respect for community life. If ownership alone can sweep aside community value, then what comes next? Ifield Brook Meadows itself? The countryside that defines our parish? The places that make this village more than a postcode?

That is why residents and parishioners will gather this Monday on January 5th. A peaceful parish walk will leave the village Plough at 9.45am, passing Ifield Brook Meadows and the Barn Theatre, to join the protest at Ifield Golf Club at 10.45am. This is a community standing up not against progress, but for proper, democratic progress.

If planning is to retain any legitimacy, it must listen. If community is to survive development pressure, its voice must be heard.

Yours sincerely

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