

Rusper and Newdigate Bridleways Association

Chairman: Peter Morse Secretary/Treasurer: Liz Allen



By email only
Mr Jason Hawkes, Planning Officer
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Dear Jason Hawkes

PLANNING APPLICATION REFERENCE DC/25/1312

The following comments are made on behalf of equestrians in the Rusper, Ifield and Charlwood area.

The Bridleways Association is a small group of horse riders in the Rusper, Newdigate and Ifield area. Our Facebook membership however covers over 850 equestrians in a wider area. We also work closely with WSCC and SCC to make sure bridleways are maintained.

We strongly object to this development as it will make the local roads much busier with more cars cutting through Ifield village, Charlwood and Rusper. This development proposes a dual carriageway across the fields coming out at Bonnets Lane with no thought to horse riders or carriage drivers.

In a recent survey over 30 equestrians reported having nears misses with cars/van drivers and a couple of horses have been injured as well. One rider reported that she had an incident with a car almost every time she goes out for a ride. Our roads are very dangerous for horse riders as it is without this development adding to the problem.

There are over 350 horses in the area some of these are at livery yards whose businesses will be ruined by this development.

Should this development go ahead we would strongly ask that equestrians be given consideration either with footpath upgrades eg FP150 and 1517 and the developer funds the upgrade or on the northern perimeter where the cycle routes are proposed these are made available to equestrians as well.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely
Liz Allen
Secretary
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