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that drives this threat
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We call upon Crawley Borough Council,
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to restore trust in the democratic planning process
and plan a viable alternative.

IFIELD PARK – GATWICK

A Local Nature Reserve & Heritage Centre

Richard W. Symonds

The Ifield Society

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We don't like bullies — and we are not alone.

Homes England's decision to close this Golf Club in its centenary year is democratically wrong.

The speculative West of Ifield planning application that lies behind this threatened closure is also democratically wrong.

It is democratically unstable and procedurally unsafe.

This is a premature application to Horsham District Council that does not meet the democratic planning standards here in Ifield — or beyond.

Public trust has been lost.

We therefore call upon Crawley Borough Council, Horsham District Council, West Sussex County Council, and others, to work together — with this parish community — to restore public trust in the democratic planning process.

We also call upon them, with others, to plan a viable, democratic alternative to Homes England's masterplan.

To this end, a Local Nature Reserve and Heritage Centre is proposed:

Ifield Park – Gatwick.

This parish believes in democracy, in fairness, and in planning done with people — not imposed on them. That is the standard to be upheld, and the standard to be defended - when attacked.

Democracy before bulldozers. Community before masterplans.

We look forward to Ifield Golf Club's Centenary.
Open - not closed.

We also look forward to ministerial intervention
for withdrawal of Homes England's West of Ifield
planning application.



The Ifield Society