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TOMORROW'S IFIELD GOLF CLUB PROTEST - JANUARY 5TH 2026 - A SHORT
STATEMENT FROM THE IFIELD SOCIETY

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CALL AND RESPONSE – IFIELD PARISH

WHAT COMES BEFORE BULLDOZERS? DEMOCRACY

WHAT COMES BEFORE MASTERPLANS? COMMUNITY

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The speculative West of Ifield planning application
that drives this threat
is **DEMOCRATICALLY WRONG – AND DEMOCRATICALLY UNSTABLE.**

Public trust has been lost.

We call upon Crawley Borough Council,
Horsham District Council, West Sussex County Council, and others,
to work together with this parish community
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.

This is a premature application to Horsham District Council
that does not meet the democratic planning standards
required in an ancient parish —
here in Ifield —
and 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.

And to plan
a viable, democratic alternative
to Homes England's masterplan.

To that 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 to them. That is the standard we expect, and the standard we will defend.

Democracy before bulldozers. Community before masterplans. Always.

Thank you.



The Ifield Society