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Dear Sirs

I would like to object to the planning of 3000 homes at West of Ifield.

Crawley doesn't need these houses, they will not be affordable housing, they will be overpriced and small, not fit for purpose, badly designed and bad quality.

The plan relies on Crawley Industrial Estate and Gatwick to provide employment, these jobs are low paid and those people won't be able to afford the houses. The plans for the new runway, which I also object to, and their plans for people to travel to Gatwick on public transport.

Public transport is unreliable, trains are often cancelled, people often go to work or leave work to pick children up or run other errands en route, go to the supermarket to buy the food shopping and therefore will drive instead. Apart from Gatwick and the Industrial Estate, what other jobs are available? People buying these houses will want better paid jobs, and will most likely keep their original jobs to afford the houses.

Crawley Sewage Treatment Works are almost at capacity and can't support the number of homes being planned. Sadly the local streams near where I live are polluted, and with the building that will make it worse. I am aware that although Ardingly reservoir doesn't support Crawley, the water levels are very low, and I suspect that Pulborough Brooks is the same.

Crawley does not have the infrastructure to support the West of Ifield development. The development will have an effect on Charlwood, Rusper and Crawley, the traffic is already a nightmare, with 3,000 homes you will be looking at least 6,000 more cars on the road, if not more. Most houses will have at least 2 cars, where there are grown up children living in these houses, they will have cars too, and this will have a knock on effect to Ifield Avenue and Bonnets Lane, with people going to work and dropping children off at school. It is already busy trying to get out of Bonnets Lane on to Ifield Avenue. People will not shift to walking, cycling or taking unreliable public transport, especially in the wind and rain. Living in Bewbush, the buses I see being driven around the neighbourhood are always empty. People aren't going to change their ways. I visit Kilmarnock Horse Rescue on Rusper Road regularly, and what is a 7 minute journey, will take 15 minutes, double the journey. I see that the plans have taken into account homeworking, but this isn't realistic, as more companies want staff to go into work for at least 50% of the time.

East Surrey hospital A&E can't cope now, how is it going to cope with at least 6,000 more plus people, (not including the plan for building in Tinsley Green and other areas close to East Surrey. The GP's are extremely busy, and it's very difficult to get an appointment.

The site has a high biodiversity value, and their habitats will be damaged by the development. No one gives a thought about how the residents feel about this. It will be a huge impact on Ifield Golf Club.

There are suggestions that a total of 10,000 houses will be built once the 3,000 have been completed, Crawley really can't support this.

Ifield brook regularly floods, how much of an impact will this have on the new homes being built?

Losing historic Ifield and the fields, and Ifield Brook will be very sad

- a huge part of history lost. There will be no authenticity left to Crawley. N

Kind regards

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