

Henfield Bowling Club

The Daisycroft,
Furners Mead,
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Planning Application Ref DC/26/0006 - Objection

As owners of the land adjacent to the new development proposed in the above referenced application, the Trustees of Henfield Bowling Club, acting in the best interest of the bowling club's membership (60 in number) and allotment holders (29 in number) have the following comments for consideration in review of the submitted application.

We have significant safety concerns regarding the proposed development's new access road connecting into the existing narrow spur road from The Daisycroft. Today this spur road is used to access the Bowling Club, the Allotments and is part of a Public Footpath.

The existing Bowling Club access road was not intended or designed to be an access route to a larger residential area. Since most of the new proposed development is family accommodation, this will generate a constant flow of family vehicles and large home delivery vehicles servicing the new residents.

The spur road and proposed access to the new development is part of The Daisycroft and the road is unadopted, therefore responsibility for any increased maintenance is not currently with the public roads authority reviewing this application. Prior to approval, the application should include a proposal to have the existing road adopted by the local authority.

The Transportation Report submitted with the application, acknowledges that this road has limitations and cannot be used for larger vehicles. The access road is less than 2.9 metres wide and potentially even narrower when the existing parking bay is in use.

The existing road access is not suitable for heavy vehicles and has severe limitations for the requirements of large vehicles turning into and exiting the new development.

The plans show the new development road connection is more than 4.8 metres wide and will join the 2.9 metre wide spur road. The plans do not specify the 'right of way' considerations and how a two-way flow within the development funnels into a single track on the existing road.

With a new road joining the existing access road and increased traffic flow, the planning application does not address the appropriate measures required to provide continued safe access for: -

- Members of the bowling club,
- Allotment holders,
- Pedestrians using the pavement,
- Users of the public footpath,
- Neighbouring properties' driveway entrances.

The proposed development is not compliant with the approved Neighbourhood Plan, as a result the Bowling Club have concerns that the new submitted plans will have an adverse impact on the Bowling Club's future existence:-

- Preventing members in continuing to enjoy our existing tranquil facilities, both during the construction phase and afterwards.
- Disturbing allotment holders who are accustomed and enjoy the semi rural environment with unobstructed growing conditions.
- Members and allotment holders expect to have safe and unhindered access to the club premises and no restrictions in parking.
- The Club will likely incur additional costs associated with installing new security measures to avoid unauthorised access, additional signage, increased grounds maintenance on the Bowling Club side of the planned perimeter boundary and costs associated with greater usage of the access road.

Henfield Bowling Club is a community facility established in 1929 and is fully dependant on club members' subscriptions and allotment holders' rental income for survival. If these income streams are negatively impacted by the new development, the future financial security and existence of Henfield Bowling Club will be jeopardised.

Yours sincerely,

Trustee and Club Captain

For and on behalf of Henfield Bowling Club Trustees