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To: Planning
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/23/0189

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Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 05/06/2023 10:58 PM.

Application Summary

Address: Sandgate Nursery West End Lane Henfield West Sussex BN5 9RD

Proposal: Outline application for erection of a continuing care retirement community of up to 72 units of accommodation (Use Class C2) and up to 10 starter homes (Use Class C3) with associated community facilities including medical centre and on-site laundry and catering facilities, with access, infrastructure, open space, landscaping and associated works (all matters reserved except for access).

Case Officer: Amanda Wilkes

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Customer Details

Address: Meadowside, Church Street Church Street Henfield

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:
- Highway Access and Parking
- Loss of General Amenity

Comments: The site is not included in the Henfield Neighbourhood Plan voted for by the local community in 2021. Its exclusion was due to its negative effect on heritage, ecology and sustainability. Horsham District Council has joined with Sussex Wildlife Trust to deliver the Wilder Horsham Project. The two lanes at either end of this site, Hollands Lane and West End Lane have been identified in the Henfield Neighbourhood Plan as significant wildlife corridors. The proposed site between these corridors is a wild area providing a sanctuary for many species of birds including long distance migrants such as Blackcap, Whitethroat and Chiffchaff as well as red listed species such as House Sparrow and Starling. Bats, [REDACTED], lizards and many invertebrates are present and thriving there due to the lack of human intervention. Hollands Lane is an ancient highway known as the "Old Port Road" and is part of a new

Horsham District Heritage Trail. Any adjacent development will significantly adversely impact on this potential tourism highlight for the village.

The level of traffic using Church Street, Nep Town Road, Lower Station Road and West End Lane is causing overload on the roads and noise pollution already so any further traffic will cause additional problems to local residents. The proposed narrowing of West End Lane to create a 2m wide footpath is a badly thought out proposal which would add immeasurable to traffic flow and safety problems.

Kind regards