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Categories: Comments Received

Good Afternoon,

I apologise if you have received my objection via the comment platform but I did not receive a confirmation email and a family member who commented some days after my own has had their objection published and I have not. I would appreciate it if you could confirm receipt of my objection below and let me know that it will be published on the HDC planning site. Thank you,:-

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to you to express my sorrow and objection to the re-proposed Berkeley Homes Development earmarked for the land Northwest of Southwater and opposite Christs Hospital train station. I have grave concern for the natural environment which includes ancient woodland and is home to many birds, bats, butterflies, moths, bees, small mammals, flora and so forth. There had previously been alarm raised regarding water supply which I raised in my initial objection back in 2022. Although Natural England has adjusted its stance since the first proposal on Water Neutrality, wildlife within the Arun Valley site is continuing to decline, furthermore it remains within an area of serious water stress, meaning the existing demand for water is already a very high proportion of what is available. The ecological need to protect habitats must endure.

Berkeley Homes has commented that much of the land is pasture and arable and thus will not affect wildlife however even if this were the case the human impact due to lack of land to grow crops and sustain grazing animals for food is surely of concern? Having left the EU and with it now being ever more vital this country becomes self-sufficient, we need to be able to produce food to sustain ourselves. For example, currently the field opposite Christs Hospital train station houses a rotation of Friesian and Sussex suckler cows. If these were to be removed perhaps a better use of the space, to the benefit of current residents, would be some allotments or a garden/educational nature scheme which all ages could enjoy and partake in.

I live next to Christs Hospital Station and the aforementioned field opposite has been allocated with a red boundary line. The information about what the land in Christs Hospital is to be used for has been vague, and emails were not forthcoming after I requested further information back in 2022. I was told eventually, with very short notice of the closing deadline to comment, that it was to be an extension of parking for the station and a cycle connection for the proposed development to the station. I can inform you and would be more than happy to provide images that the train station's existing car park never touches the sides of full capacity, with a median of about a handful of cars there every day. There is also ample space for a bike store. There has been on occasion late night activity that has irked me in the current car park. The station is small and lacks supervision; it is well known such spaces can become hotspots for crime during the night, and I am concerned a further disused space may encourage this. I also wonder why an additional car park is being proposed in the first place, as in the given literature it makes much of the station being a 15-minute walk away from the intended new build, so surely there would be no need to account for additional vehicle space if you are making a point of encouraging people to walk by foot or cycle? In conversation with my Dad, who is in construction, he commented that he cannot help but surmise that the new car park would be a front to

develop further in the future using the fact the car park space is dormant and therefore free to use and build upon. It may be deemed by some as an unessential consideration but the area beyond being home to the aforementioned cattle and wildlife is enjoyed by dog walkers, horse riders, children playing and so forth, it is troubling to think of the negative impact to mental, social and physical health that taking this away could lead to.

The road leading to Christs Hospital station and the proposed new parking area, Station Road, is nicknamed by my visiting family as 'The Moat'. Without fail it floods multiple times every year. This has at times caused my healthcare practitioner, who makes home visits, to be late as she must park up at Bluecoats and walk down, taking away from the time she needs to perform her observations. I would like reassurance about the action you will take to make this road future proof, without extension, to take on any supposed extra vehicles, and those already using it.

Whilst I appreciate there has been a plan to incorporate schools, there is simply not the infrastructure beyond this to cope locally. It is irresponsible to locate new families and individuals into an area lacking adequate GP, Dental, Mental Health and Social Care places and a hospital close enough that can cater for more severe A&E and acute care cases. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. I simply cannot imagine the toll it would take on those services. Only last month did East Surrey declare a 'critical incident' due to a surge in complex attendances to their A&E department and the ongoing challenges in discharging patients who are well enough to leave hospital. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] it is utterly irresponsible to not consider people's health and wellbeing needs, whether they be current or future residents.

Yours sincerely,

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