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Good evening

I am writing to notify you of my objection to this development.

The Felbridge and East Grinstead areas cannot accommodate any further developments unless there is substantial investment to the local infrastructure, these being primarily roads, schools and health care. At present, the current level of infrastructure cannot serve the existing number of residents of these areas to an acceptable level.

Until all infrastructure is upgraded and fully completed, I fail to see how these local areas can accommodate the introduction of an additional 61 homes, which increases up to 200 homes especially when combined with the proposed 550 new dwellings in Imberhorne Lane and the 200 new dwellings at Hill Place Farm.

Any local resident will tell you how bad the traffic congestion already is along the A22 and A264, culminating in the disastrous junction at the Star Pub. Queues regularly go down past Doves Barn in morning rush hour.

The only traffic analysis was carried out in 2019 on a single day, since then there has been many more developments within the area adding to the already serious traffic issue.

Also, with the proposed 550 new dwellings on Imberhorne Lane as well as the further 400 new homes elsewhere within the town of East Grinstead, surely the traffic analysis and modelling needs to be updated to include for all proposed developments too, as well as all of the other recent developments in the last 3 years. The out of date piecemeal approach that has been taken by the Developer cannot be justified, nor can it be considered as accurate. Now that Covid 19 restrictions have been removed, this should be reviewed and updated.

Any traffic analysis/modelling should also be shared with both Sussex and Surrey Councils for review and comment.

Furthermore, the developer refers to road improvement schemes for the A22/A264 which have never taken place.

I cannot understand where all of these new dwellings will send their children to school. Felbridge school is a single form per year school and if there are no places there then children would have to travel to East Grinstead, adding to more road congestion.

In addition to this, which Doctors and Dentist surgeries these new dwellings will be served by? There are no Doctor or Dental surgeries in Felbridge. A visit to either will result in almost certainly a car journey to East Grinstead or Crawley Down if they can get an appointment!

There are currently three new developments being built on Crawley Down Road, these are Harts Hall Place, Chestnut Grange and an Antler Homes development. When combined with this proposed development, as well as the 550 new dwellings development on Imberhorne Lane, these are all removing the sense of small village feeling from Felbridge, and is a huge threat of merging Felbridge, Crawley Down and East Grinstead into one converged area with the loss of green areas, all for Developer's profits.

I urge you to listen to local opinion and local's experience of what this proposed development will do to our village and surrounding area, and not to rely on Developer Reports and Modelling which will be produced to serve the Developer only and not the local residents.

Regards

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