Planning Comment submission on application 2023/1281 at 19/12/2023 16:25:37

Thank you for your comments on application 2023/1281, which have been received.

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Comment Reason	Object to this application	
Comment		

I am writing to strongly object to the proposed Nutfield Green Park Development and Outdoor Activity Park which would destroy a rich natural environment that is valuable to people, wildlife and plants. It would also have a massive adverse impact on local infrastructure as well as increasing pollution and traffic congestion in the area to an unacceptable level. I understand that limited infilling in villages in the Green Belt is permitted as an exception but it is hard to see how the proposed development can be said to be "limited" when it would include up to 105 2 -3 bedroom homes a care home and stroke unit. Not to mention the activity park. East Surrey Hospital, the pharmacies, dentists and doctors are already stretched to breaking point without the additional strain that would be imposed by this proposed development.

The A25 is already an extremely busy road, with congestion at peak times and long queues into Redhill, often at a standstill. The A25, and Nutfield Marsh Road, are ill equipped to cope with the extra traffic that would be generated by construction traffic and the additional cars on completion of the development. Not only would the occupants of the houses have, probably several, cars there would be an unacceptable level of traffic caused by visitors to the proposed visitor centre, care home and activity park.

There are extremely dangerous junctions on the A25 in Nutfield with serious concerns about the speed at which traffic travels along this local narrow stretch of road through this historic village. This would be exacerbated if the development went ahead. The development will also inevitably increase traffic on the narrow, poorly maintained, country lanes leading off the A25 which have difficulty coping with even the existing volume of cars. Deliberately increasing the level of traffic would be to increase the risk of serious accidents.

The mission for the government's biodiversity strategy is to halt biodiversity loss, support healthy, well-functioning ecosystems and establish coherent ecological networks, with more and better places for nature for the benefit of wildlife and people. Preserving biodiversity means respecting local habits. This planned development does none of these things. This green space, part of the green belt, is a much valued amenity by local residents and visitors and a green "lung" for the area. To lose it would cause immeasurable harm to the wildlife whose habit it is, as well as impacting on the well-being of local residents.

There is no need for an Activity Park as the area is already well served with recreation grounds, nature trails, public footpaths and sports facilities where families can exercise together.

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