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

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Subject: Strong Objection to Nutfield Green Park Development - Repeated Applications Raise Concerns

Dear [Recipient's Name],

I am writing to express my objection to the proposed Nutfield Green Park development, and I would like to underscore additional concerns related to the repeated nature of this particular application process.

- 1) **Impact on Biodiversity and Wildlife Habitats:** The proposed road through "the drive" woods would disrupt a valuable biodiversity park, home to various wildlife habitats, including deer, bats, woodpeckers, and more. Preserving this ecosystem is crucial for the local environment.
- 2) **Tranquility and Noise Pollution:** Many residents, including myself, cherish the serene experience of walking our dogs through these woods. Introducing a road would not only spoil this tranquility but also contribute to unnecessary noise pollution in the area.
- 3) **Disruption to Grazing Land:** The presence of a large and noisy construction site would prevent sheep grazing, impacting an area where such activities are integral. Limited space and disturbance from construction make this unsuitable for such purposes.
- 4) **Inappropriateness of Greenbelt Development:** The land was initially purchased at a greenbelt price precisely because it is unsuitable for development. There are over 100 designated brownfield sites in Tandridge, offering more appropriate alternatives for development.
- 5) **Redundancy of New Care Home Construction:** Considering the recent closure of Chalkmead on Deans Road, it would be more sensible to redevelop that facility instead of constructing a new care home on greenbelt land.
- 6) **Impact on Local Green Spaces:** With limited accessible green spaces in the Merstham area, the loss of this large green space would force many walkers to drive to the nearest alternative, contradicting the principles of sustainable development.
- 7) **Concerns About Potential Contamination:** Preliminary testing may not fully reveal the extent of potential contamination from buried waste on the site. If deeper layers prove toxic, the landscape will suffer irreversible damage.
- 8) **Minimal Impact on Housing Shortages:** Considering the existing large housing developments at Holmethorpe and Park 25, the relatively small number of homes in this project will make a negligible impact on addressing housing shortages and social housing needs.
- 9) **Inappropriate Repeated Applications:** The fact that the application has already been refused raises concerns about the repeated attempts to push this development through. Such a tactic can be seen as inappropriate and potentially bordering on coercive.

I strongly urge you to refuse permission for the Nutfield Green Park development. Preserving our green spaces, wildlife habitats, and addressing the valid concerns raised will contribute to the well-being of our community.

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