

Planning Comment submission on application 2024/1325 at 21/03/2025 12:20:14

Thank you for your comments on application 2024/1325, which have been received.

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Address	61 Chelsham Road, Chelsham, Warlingham, CR6 9EQ
Planning App No	2024/1325
Comment Reason	Object to this application
Comment	<p>As a direct neighbour I would like to strongly object to a development of this size for a number of reasons</p> <p>I live at 61 which is the last house on Chelsham Road and corners Alexander Avenue Warlingham, our drive is at the back and I would be very worried about the footfall of pedestrians and cyclists exiting the site while I and others on Alexander Avenue are coming in and out, often reversing as it is a very narrow track. I also own and maintain the hedge that corners the track and hear you are propping to remove it?</p> <p>There is already a width restriction in the spot of your proposed pedestrian/cycle access showing the road is already busy and dangerous. The access road to the proposed development will cause serious safety issues to children and families alike. This road is regularly used by pedestrian's on foot, school children walking to and from school, cyclists and horse riders plus the local traffic. This is a rural road and it cannot cope with additional traffic and it has zero capacity for any parking due to width restraint's, if this development is considered it will be an accident waiting to happen.</p> <p>Local roads would suffer with extra traffic at rush hour and peak periods. If these vehicles are used then they would want to access the already over subscribed junction 6, this area will become even more traffic gridlocked.</p> <p>Any new development should consider the migration of people travelling to work, Warlingham has limited commuting options as the only train station locally is Upper Warlingham, this area of Upper Warlingham is already inundated with parking issues as the car park at the station is always full. Lack of parking spaces is causing parking on local roads, the area cannot sustain any more pressure from additional commuters with out extra funding, investment and logistic solutions. Therefore, this development would increase the usage of cars.</p> <p>The development is not in keeping with the ethos in Warlingham, living in balance with nature and your surroundings. Warlingham is a beautiful village, but for how long? The community within Warlingham love it for its stunning greenbelt and open spaces, but these green spaces are being sold off to developers who do not understand the history of the area and have no desire to keep it green</p> <p>Warlingham's heart is being carved out which will kill what this community stands for and holds dear. The Warlingham residents already suffer with drainage and flooding concerns, this is proven at the roundabout at Sunnybank Road and Green hill lane. Driveways and gardens in the local area are receiving standing water that has not been experienced before, if Warlingham continues to loose valuable green belt which is acts as a soak away for excess rainwater, the flooding of houses will increase and the knock on effect will be emotionally and financially lifechanging for Warlingham's local people.</p> <p>This development should not be allowed as the surface water flooding seems to have been not considered by the developers to be a high risk issue which is extremely concerning. Once this land is built on, there is no turning back, the excess water will have to go somewhere, the local people will pay the price.</p> <p>Warlingham has a Forest school at the Old Boys Club, this is run by volunteers and local children attend it regularly to spend time outdoors, day and night. This development is adjacent to Warlingham Forest school and therefore it would potentially have a devastating impact on the landscape around the club and it will effect it sense of belonging, safety and the ethos of what the forest school land is being used for.</p> <p>I would question what consideration has been taken into account for the impact to the M25 and the knock on effect of traffic migrating to Godstone and Oxted?</p> <p>Precious hedgerows and ancient woodland will be lost forever if this development is agreed, the ecosystems which thrive in our green belt areas are already threatened into extinction and they need protecting for our future generations, this is why greenbelt was introduced.</p> <p>Why do we want to have a village where our children live without ever seeing a butterfly, or hearing a bird singing in the spring? Bats fly in the nights sky, deer in the fields. We have already lost so many species due to over development and the loss of vital habitat, greenbelt is key to keeping wildlife around us. Ancient Oak trees are cut down and replaced with young sapling's which have no immediate benefit to the environment and will take years to mature. Warlingham landscape will be destroyed forever, it cannot be returned or replaced by a slow growing bush!</p> <p>Developers are insisting we need care homes but...Care homes are readily available locally, we do not need any more, developers are choosing to offer to build more care homes to try to open and access green belt, if allowed to build, the rooms will be used for other uses as they wont be filled with ederly as there is no requirement in the area</p> <p>The proposed scale of the development will be overwhelming in size and its mass of dwellings will be formidable in sight. This development could never be in keeping with the surrounding area or ever achieve the villages character.</p> <p>Where are the boundaries for our villages and towns without the green belt? Green belt is to protect urban sprawl, without it there is no villages or towns.</p> <p>This would be a mass development, on a mass scale and a massive mistake for Warlingham</p>
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