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CRAWLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to object to the plans to build on the green space on the land to the west of Ifield as detailed within the local plan as detailed within the Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment.

My Objections are as follows:

**Ifield Golf course** is a fabulous open green space that benefits not only its members but also those who live close by and walk the public footpaths which go through the course. It has plenty of wildlife such as deer, several varieties of geese, butterfly's, buzzards, hawks and many more species of birds and many species of fish in its various ponds. I am a member and I play golf regularly which gives me plenty of exercise keeping me fit and healthy and the social side is good for my wellbeing. Ifield Golf Club has over 500 members both male and female from young teenagers to late 80's or maybe older! We have over 5,000 visitors per year and over 30,000 rounds of golf are played annually. It is the only golf course in the borough of Ruspur. Our clubhouse is used not only by golfers but is also made available to also to the wider population of Crawley and is used for various functions such as weddings, wakes, birthday celebrations, quiz nights, parties, Cabaret nights, Sunday Roasts, charity functions and much more.

I hear Boris Johnson say he wants to plant millions of trees to help with climate change and did you know the forest commission planted an additional 8,500 trees on Ifield golf course only 15 years ago now Homes England want to cut them down! We also have many more splendid trees on our course such as magnificent large Oak trees which must be over 100 years old and these surly would not be cut down! Even

with all these trees on our course it is still is proan to flooding and it would be a disaster to build on this undeveloped land which acts as a water soak and undoubtedly would result in homes being flooded and with the strong possibility of suffering from subsidence.

**Health provision** – I can't see there has been provision in your plans for health care for the additional population these 10,000 houses will bring. Crawley and East Surrey hospitals are at breaking point and waiting times are being extended over the time scale that is acceptable and this is bringing more stress and misery to patients and their families. How on earth will they cope with another 20,000 patients is just ludicrous. It's the same for doctor's surgeries they just can't cope and many in Crawley are unable to sign on any more patients. Health provision must be catered for with a new hospital and doctors' surgeries being included in the plans and built **before** any of the homes.

**Traffic** - With potentially 10,000 – 15,000 more cars traveling to or through the Crawley area there will be an increase to air pollution when it is **already rated as poor due to traffic pollution** is madness! Our roads just can't cope and when there is a problem on the A23 the roads through Ifield are jammed. The requirement to build a Western Relief road is imperative to relieve currant traffic problems let alone the additional traffic these 10,000 new homes will bring. Before the proposed development is even considered this new road **must** be built.

**Employment** – Where will 20,000 people work? I understand that the current unemployment in the South East is only 0.5% below the national average so where on earth are all these additional people going to find work?

Yours Sincerely

