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Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to object to the proposed development of 480 houses on Bognor Golf Course
FP/274/21/OUT.

Traffic congestion.

I live in Golf Links Road, Felpham, and will be greatly affected by this development. The area has already changed out of all recognition in the last few years with the expansion of Downview Primary School in Wroxham Way, and we are already log jammed during school run times with a very high volume of traffic, including long waits at the Felpham traffic lights. Considerable child safety issues already exist in Downview Road and would become much worse. I am told 2000 cars use the road per day already!

Westmorland Drive was refused as an access route to the new Blakes Mead development and the same objections apply with using Golf Links and Downview Road as an access route. If the access route was changed to the relief road I would also object as it would mean many more children on foot and bicycles in Downview Road. Further, the relief road is being bypassed already at certain times as there is a lot of congestion at the Shripney Road/A259 junction. A further roundabout on the relief road would see even more traffic going through Felpham.

Local Plan and Felpham Neighbourhood Plan. Employment. I Object as this development is not in the plans the community rely on. Further, the plans have no employment opportunities, while it currently provides a number of employment of staff. The character of the village would be greatly damaged.

Local Gap and Conservation. The footpath through the golf course is a glorious route to the wider countryside. This would be lost. The area south west of the golf course receives a grant for conservation and a bird count is pinned on the gate. This area would be damaged by extra walkers and children who are likely to damage the unique habitat so valued by the community.

There is no flood plan assessment.

We should be taking into account the hundred-year flood risk model. The area is mainly Level 3 (worst) already and records show the Lidsey sewage treatment plant released treated (partially contaminated) water into the rife many times during high rainfall. The balancing ponds in the plan will be flooded with potentially contaminated water. This, and risk of drowning in these ponds and Lidsey Rife create a grave hazard.

Health

I note an objection from the head of the Flansham Surgery that they could not cope! The waiting times are already great and I understand that objection.

Schools

There are no provisions for extra schools. Downview School is already full (650) and took some of the playing field from the Community College. There is also nowhere to park at the Community College at peak times, so while the school could expand, the ground base cannot.

Club House

The offer of this to the community has no benefit as it is described by the club as “not fit for purpose.” and so would be a liability not an asset.

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Proposed new clubhouse and course at Flansham

Object. The land is currently farm land and we should be more self sufficient in the country and not building on farm land given the world situation. The A259 (and nearby stretch of road) at Comet Corner is exceptionally dangerous, and the road accident report for the A259 shows several accidents.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Sue Ahmad