

MATTER 10
Issue 1
Q3

IN REGARD TO THE WEST OF IFIELD

Overall, does the plan deal adequately with uncertainty?.

The inclusion of the west of Ifield into Horsham Local 19 with the uncertainties listed below cannot be justified and is not sound .
DCO

1.The expansion of Gatwick Airport whether the DCO OR THE SCENARIO OF Expanding the hours that aircraft will fly and the uncertainty of the effect these will have on the WOI IS UNKNOWN .

(THE DCO proposals in the Our northern runway making best use of Gatwick consultation summary document autumn 2021 includes proposals that might effect the health and wellbeing of the proposed residents of WOI

1. PAGE 10 , A Biomass boiler flue up to 50M high .
- 2.Up dated taxiways that would bring aircraft waiting to take off nearer to the WOI which would increase noise and air pollution.
3. Larger noisier aircraft will only be allowed to use main runway which is nearer to the WOI as standby runway is to short .
4. New parking area nearer to the WOI may increase air pollution.

SOUTHERN RUNWAY

Land is being Safeguarded for a southern runway scenario and adjoins WOI. In Gatwick's plan , the land which is WOI has been identified as a nature reserve and relocation of the rugby club and OUTREACH CENTRE FOR ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS .

The uncertainty as to where the club and centre would go should also be a concern in the context of the northern section of the CWRR .

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TRANSPORT

CWRR.

Exactly where ,when and if the full western relief Road will come forward remains a very real uncertainty.

Tushmore roundabout already has problems with noise and pollution , as traffic from the WOI WILL USE THIS ROUNDABOUT TO ACCESS GATWICK AND MANOR ROYAL Will the lack of a full CWRR make the noise and pollution worse.

Released on the 20th November 2024

West Sussex County Council is asking for public feedback to help develop transport improvements at the Hazelwick and Tushmore junctions on the A2011 Crawley .

The Hazelwick and Tushmore junctions on A2011 Crawley Avenue are used by many to access education, jobs and local services resulting **in noise and air pollution that also impacts nearby communities**. The proposals being considered could help to improve the flow of traffic, make conditions safer for everyone, and encourage more trips by public transport, walking and cycling, as part of a wider strategy that also includes supporting the transition to electric .

The schemes are at an early stage of development and likely to depend on securing Government grants and developer funding, so it could be several years before any construction could start.

The 20 to 30 mph when built estate road attracting traffic off of the 50mph congested Crawley Avenue is uncertain.

Whether 12 to 15% of road users will buy a car ,tax and insure it and then leave it at home and pay for a bus ride remains uncertain

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Question whether a transport system could cope if this did not happen .

IFIELD STATION

UNCERTAINTY AS TO IF AND WHEN IMPROVEMENTS WILL COME FORWARD.

Will they include access for disabled people to the other side of the railway lines .

Will it include lengthening the platform and provision of a car park and cycle storage.

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SECONDARY SCHOOL

UNCERTAINTY AS TO WHEN THIS SCHOOL WILL BE NEEDED .

Emails sent to me indicate that no one wants to take responsibility for building a school in the wrong place

A secondary school was agreed by the secretary of state in 2017 to be built at Forge wood in the north of Crawley, this is where the school needs to be built.

Statement from WSCC Jacquie Russell

With respect to building where needed. In the case of a DfE awarded Free School ,THEY determine where it will go and when. **The authority has been pressing for a decision for years and the DfE seem keen on the West of lfield site but it is for them to confirm and seek planning - not us.**

DFE reply to my email

Subject: CRM:0854248

The Department for Education (department) has worked closely with West Sussex County Council (WSCC) when looking at potential sites to build new schools. WSCC has confirmed that there is significant pupil demand in this part of the county and the department has focussed its efforts to secure a site that meets that demand.

Planning consent is required for all new developments (including schools) and decision whether to approve or reject an application are, quite appropriately, a matter for the Local Planning Authority (LPA) following a period of consultation.

Joel

Free Schools Capital Communications
Department for Education

Councillor now MP Peter Lamb has stated that there is land available at Forge Wood

Peter lamb It's worth noting that a quirk of planning rules means that the Local Planning Authority in the case of the school may not actually be Horsham District Council, but West Sussex County Council who are able to grant themselves permission in some circumstances relevant to their delivery of services.
Cllr Peter Lamb

Councillor Alison Cornell

Children and Young People's Services Scrutiny Committee

stated Certainly Crawley has a real need for additional secondary school places and a growing need at that, but you are absolutely right in thinking the deficit is in the North East .

900 houses have already been built at Forge Wood .
Between Forge Wood and Heathy Wood at least 2,500 homes will be built in this current plan with no water neutrality problems.
Homes England West of ifield will only be building 1,600 in current plan period because of water neutrality
Horsham council have stated they are not interested in building 10,000 houses at west of ifield in the future

Travel time

Forge wood to West of Ifield

14 mins by car , 53 mins by bus , 1:32 min walking, 27 mins cycling.

A school that is being built for pupils that live on the other side of Crawley with a 53 minute bus ride and will go against the aim to reduce car journeys and the fall in school numbers brings uncertainty .

Projected first homes built on the WOI 90 in 2029 and bulge classes coping with school numbers in Crawley

UNCERTAINTIES AS TO THE PROPOSED SECONDARY SCHOOL ARE 1.

Mothballed 2.not needed for the Foreseeable future.

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HOTEL

Uncertainty of hotel mentioned in HOMES ENGLAND SCOPING REPORT.

Table 3.2 mentions 80 bed hotel .

No mention of this in LOCAL PLAN OR PUBLIC CONSULTATION .

Uncertainty if this has been included in the sustainability appraisal.

Mrs Irene Wakeham