

PLANNING REF : 260720
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Nine Mile Ride
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SUBMITTED BY : Ms Becca Smith
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COMMENTS:

There should be a clear and robust objection to further large-scale housing development in Crowthorne, particularly given that over 1,500 new homes have already been constructed in recent years. The pace and scale of this growth has already placed significant strain on the area's infrastructure, and there is growing, visible evidence that the village is struggling to cope.

One of the most immediate and tangible impacts is the deterioration of local roads. Increased traffic from the expanded population has accelerated wear and tear, resulting in widespread potholes and declining road conditions. This is not just an inconvenience but a safety concern for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians. The current state of the roads strongly suggests that the existing infrastructure was not designed to accommodate such a rapid increase in usage, and further development would only exacerbate the problem.

Beyond transport, essential public services are already under pressure. Local schools are facing capacity issues, making it increasingly difficult for families to secure places. Healthcare services are similarly stretched GP surgeries, dental practices, and nearby hospitals are struggling to meet demand. Long waiting times and reduced access to care are becoming more common, indicating that the current level of provision is insufficient for the existing population, let alone any future growth.

Crucially, there appears to be a disconnect between housing development and infrastructure investment. New homes continue to be approved without corresponding, timely improvements to roads, schools, and healthcare facilities. This imbalance risks undermining the quality of life for both existing and new residents.

In light of these issues, it is both reasonable and necessary to object to further housing developments in Crowthorne until there is clear evidence that infrastructure and public services can be expanded and improved to sustainably support additional population growth. Development should not come at the expense of safety, accessibility, and the overall wellbeing of the community

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