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Horsham District Council,  
Department of Planning and Economic Development and Property,  
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Dear Sirs,

Re: Land North of Horsham - Planning Application DC/16/1677 - Revised Application.

Horsham Society have reviewed the revised application and maintain our concerns regarding the proposed scheme. Therefore on behalf of Horsham Society I schedule our concerns/objections below, for your consideration:

- 1) The loss and degradation of Ancient Woodland is not justified. Furthermore the proposals are in contravention of local and national planning guidelines and should be rejected. The proposed vehicular and pedestrian routes have not been assessed to ascertain the likely impact on foraging routes for bats and damage to other wildlife. Ancient Woodlands are irreplaceable and therefore cannot simply be replaced.
- 2) There are an inadequate number of crossings proposed for the A264, despite the applicant claiming that the proposals will seamlessly connect the new community to the existing town and the wider area. Properly designed underpasses should be included.
- 3) The bridge design has not been submitted. Horsham Society would like to be involved in the design panel, to encourage an imaginative design.
- 4) The method of allocation and responsibility for design of the building parcels remains unclear since the applicant informed Horsham Society that they - Liberty - would assess the design. Horsham Society request that a Design Panel be set up for the development.
- 5) No further information has been provided on the Landscape and Management companies. Horsham Society want to ensure that the environment of the site and its qualities are enhanced and expanded, not solely maintained.

6) The level of Affordable Housing provision remains too low. Horsham District Council need to re-assess the decision for not requiring a Community Infrastructure Levy in the light of the applicant not meeting their requirements.

The foregoing points were raised during consultation and clearly have not been fully addressed in the original or even the revised applications. Horsham Society request that they be fully addressed before any decision is made by Horsham District Council in respect of this application.

Yours faithfully,

David Griffiths. (secretary to the Planning Sub Committee)