

# HORLEY TOWN COUNCIL

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Dear Mr Masson,

## **Horley Town Council response to the changes which have been made to the Crawley Borough Council Local Plan**

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on the changes which have been made to the Crawley Borough Council Local Plan. Horley Town Council notes that in order to meet Crawley's employment land needs for the Plan period, the Local Plan proposes that land in the north east of Crawley, at Gatwick Green, will be allocated for delivery of a strategic employment location that will provide as a minimum 24.1 hectares of new industrial land, predominantly for B8 storage and distribution uses.

At the meeting of the Town Council's Planning & Development Committee meeting held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February, Members discussed this proposal.

It was noted that this area will be directly opposite the proposed Horley Business Park and separated by the Gatwick M23 spur road.

Where the Horley Park is planned to have direct access to the M23 spur it is understood that the transport access for Crawley's Gatwick Green proposal would be via the Balcombe Road. We further understand that the site will comprise mainly warehousing which tends to produce more vehicle movements than offices or industrial use for example.

It is for these reasons that Horley Town Council wishes to put on record its very real concerns on the potential impacts to the road network in Horley.

Traffic from Gatwick Green could use the Balcombe Road which joins the A23 at the Chequers roundabout before heading north towards Redhill. This section of the A23 is already under great pressure with the increase in traffic from two major residential developments and the new North Gatwick Gateway warehouse site. In addition, there is the possibility that some site traffic will be allowed access to/from the Horley Business Park via the Balcombe Road.



Of equal concern is the route that vehicles travelling to/from Gatwick Green will use to access the motorway network. One option could be via Horley Town Centre, the A23 and M23 at Gatwick or the reverse. We do not welcome the thought of a stream of commercial vehicles using Gatwick Green mixing with the regular town centre traffic of cars, buses, and delivery vehicles where queuing at peak times has been a feature for some while on current levels of traffic.

We trust our concerns will be taken into consideration.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jean Walsh", enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Town Clerk