

Welcome to the first newsletter from the Save West of Ifield campaign committee.

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### During 2021...



MAKING OUR VOICES HEARD!

The Save West of Ifield (SWOI) committee was formed in summer 2021 and since then has been busy lobbying MPs and councilors, publicising WOI in local papers and on BBC radio, and doing the research to challenge Homes England's plans. Almost 1,200 people use the [SWOI Facebook page](#) and [website](#), and we've just launched our [fund-raising initiative](https://tinyurl.com/2p9cjr7j) (<https://tinyurl.com/2p9cjr7j> and see page 2).

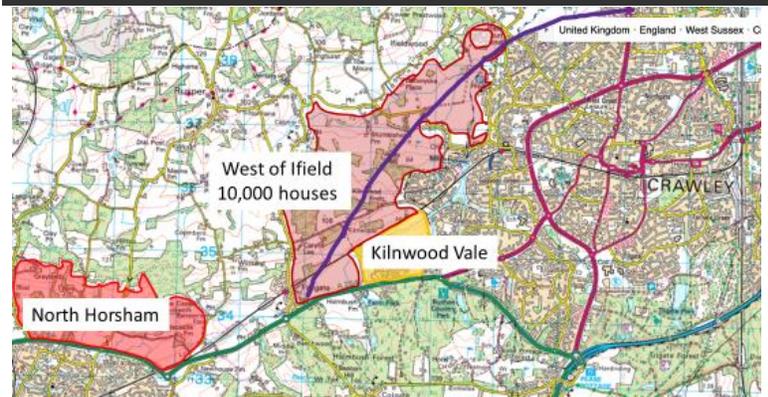
The WOI site is within Horsham District, but would effectively form one or more new neighbourhoods of Crawley; with potentially **25,000 additional residents** using Crawley's health services, roads, etc. Crawley Borough Council (CBC) has voted unanimously to oppose the development, and the SWOI committee is working closely with CBC to build our case.

The committee has been focused on lobbying Horsham District Council (HDC), to stop WOI being included in the HDC Local Plan as an 'allocated' (favoured by HDC) site. Around 100 people protested outside the HDC offices in July – photo above – but since then the Local Plan process has been delayed due to the new requirement from central government for a 30-year vision, and requirements from Natural England for new developments to be 'water neutral'. We're working on the assumption that a revised Local Plan will be published in spring 2022, and that WOI will be included. At that point **we all have a six week (Regulation 19) consultation period to submit our objections**, before the Plan goes to a planning inspector. **We can all work together, and help each other to object.**

### How many houses where?

The proposal is to build 10,000 houses and a link road on land west of Crawley – see pink area on map. The first phase is for 3,250 houses West of Ifield, starting with building on Ifield Golf Course and the fields to the west of Ifield Brook, with later phases building through Lambs Green to Faygate and pretty much joining up with Horsham to form 'Crawsham'. The proposed link road is shown as a purple line, and could form part of a Western Relief Road, completing the circle of concrete around Crawley.

#### PLAN FOR 10,000 HOUSES



This enormous site would sit geographically in Crawley, but administratively in Horsham for housing target and council tax purposes. Crawley's infrastructure and jobs market can't support a 25% increase in population, and unless there is a high % of social housing, Crawley's housing needs will not be met. *Contd. Page 2*

#### 1ST PHASE – 3,250 HOUSES



