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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0041
Categories: Comments Received

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 23/01/2026 1:08 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Spring Acres West End Lane Henfield West Sussex
Proposal:	Permission in Principle for the erection of up to 9no. self-build dwellings.
Case Officer:	Hannah Darley

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Customer Details

Address:	Little Bees, Whitemans Green Cuckfield
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Design- Highway Access and Parking- Loss of General Amenity- Overdevelopment- Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	Yet another field to have planning application put onto it - this field is in the middle of nowhere with really narrow lane which is flooded in the winter. Please leave this beautiful spot alone and let the wildlife have some access to the country side please.
	DC/26/0041

Permission in Principle for the erection of up to 9no. self-build dwellings.

Spring Acres West End Lane Henfield West Sussex

This is an application to build a housing estate in a random field in the countryside. In principle it is not sustainable and is in direct conflict with the countryside location. The application is contrary to the following Horsham District Planning Framework policies

- Policy 1 as it is not a strategic site in the Local Plan
- Policy 2 as it is not a nominated site in the Neighbourhood Plan
- Policy 3 as it is not within an existing built-up area
- Policy 4 as the site is not allocated in the Local Plan or Neighbourhood Plan, and does not adjoin an existing settlement edge.

This site is a countryside location

- Policy 10 as it does not maintain the quality and character of the area.

This is in a rural area with widely distributed housing. The application creates a new housing estate which is out of keeping within the small number of Victorian/ Edwardian homes originally built for agricultural workers. The proposed street scene would conflict with the open space look and feel of the lane

Policy 16 - the site has no allocation for affordable housing

- Policy 23 as the site cannot be served by safe and convenient vehicular and pedestrian access; or cannot be supplied with essential services. The lane is narrow, making passing difficult.

West End Lane does not have mains drainage. A significant amount of the use of the lane is by walkers, cyclist (accessing the Downslink) and Horse riders (livery stable further down the lane)

- Policy 25 as it does not protect, conserve or enhance the landscape.

Does not maintain or enhance biodiversity or contribute to Weald to Waves nature recovery corridor in which it is situated

- Policy 26 as the site lies outside built-up area boundaries and does not support the needs of agriculture or forestry

The site is unsustainable it is over 1.5 miles from the High Street, local school and medical centre

Policy 27 - The application would have an urbanising effect on what is open farmland in a rural lane

Does not contribute to the conservation, enhancement and amenity of the countryside,

- Policy 33.2

as there is loss of amenity to the neighbouring properties. A countryside location will now be a housing estate with 24/7 disturbance, traffic and light pollution.

- Policy 33.4

in that it does not respect the character of the surrounding area and buildings.

- Policy 40

there is no sustainable transport to the site.

Kind regards

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