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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/25/1364
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 14/09/2025 2:01 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Staalcot Farm Stall House Lane North Heath West Sussex RH20 2HR
Proposal:	Use of land for the stationing of 2no. caravans for residential purposes, together with the formation of hardstanding and associated landscaping. Construction of associated utility buildings.
Case Officer:	Hannah Darley

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Customer Details

Address: Stallhouse Barn Stall House Lane North Heath

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Design- Overdevelopment- Privacy Light and Noise- Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	<p>I strongly object to the planning request for the following reasons:</p> <p>1. The national planning hierarchy clearly indicates new developments should be in already-developed areas.</p>

2. I believe this development doesn't fit with the character of the area, especially considering Laurel Cottage across the road, which is protected as a historic building. Stall House Lane is very rural, especially as you go further down the lane to where this site is situated. This proposal would significantly harm that rural feel and the beauty of the landscape. If you look from the footpath nearby (PROW2298), the new mobile homes are very close and highly visible. They are large and obvious, and would catch the eye, making the area look much more built-up and less rural. Hedges and planting around the site won't help much because they only hide things for part of the year and in any event will never really hide the development fully. Adding more hedgerows would also ruin views of the open countryside, which is part of what makes this area special. Overall, I believe this development would ruin the countryside's natural beauty and character, which should really be protected according to our planning rules.

3. The development would also harm local wildlife, particularly protected species like the Great Crested Newts. The proposal doesn't show how the developer will prevent or lessen the impact on these species or how they will make up for the damage if it can't be avoided. This goes against policies that require careful planning to protect wildlife and nature. Also, national rules say that development should improve or at least not harm the environment. Since this project would cause a lot of damage to wildlife and the natural area, it should be rejected unless the developer can prove they will do enough to avoid, reduce, or compensate for the harm.

4. The site is naturally very liable to flooding, which makes it unsuitable for any kind of development. Further developing the site only reduces the natural flood defenses provided by plants and trees, which will significantly impact on local residents if flooding in the road increases, since it is a single-access lane.

5. The site runs close to the train line, and trains sound their horns very loudly every 15 minutes or so - which would penetrate a static caravan easily.

6. This development will add light and noise pollution to the surrounding houses, namely Laurel Cottage.

Kind regards

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