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Sent: 15 September 2025 11:34:13 UTC+01:00
To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/25/1416
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 15/09/2025 11:34 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land East of Coolham Road West Chilmington West Sussex RH20 2LT
Proposal:	Change of use of land to a mixed use of the stationing of caravans for residential purposes and the keeping of horses with a dayroom, hardstanding and an ancillary stable block.
Case Officer:	Shazia Penne

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Customer Details

Address:	Watermoor Point Watermoor Road Cirencester
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	On behalf of the National Annexe Planning Consultancy (NAPC), I write in support of planning application DC/25/1416 for the change of use of land to a mixed use comprising the stationing of caravans for residential purposes and the keeping of horses, including a dayroom, hardstanding, and an ancillary stable block at Land East of Coolham Road, West Chilmington, West Sussex RH20 2LT.

NAPC's national expertise in ancillary and modular accommodation underlines the value of such proposals in making efficient use of existing land, supporting flexible and multigenerational living, and providing a sustainable response to local housing and care needs. The inclusion of caravans for residential use, alongside equestrian facilities, reflects a balanced approach to rural land management and residential provision, ensuring that the accommodation remains ancillary to the main use of the site and does not constitute an independent dwelling.

We note the importance of maintaining the ancillary relationship between the residential caravans and the primary use of the land, as well as ensuring that the scale, layout, and access arrangements are appropriate to the rural context. It is essential that the development remains subordinate to the main dwelling and is not capable of being separated or sold off independently in the future. We encourage the applicant to review guidance on ancillary accommodation and to contact NAPC for expert advice on policy compliance and long-term peace of mind, as detailed at <https://napc.uk/annexe-support/>.

We respectfully encourage Horsham District Council to consider the adoption of supportive annexe and ancillary accommodation policies in future iterations of the local plan. Evidence from Ireland and California demonstrates that such accommodation can play a significant role in relieving housing pressures and supporting diverse community needs.

NAPC remains available to assist both applicants and the local authority in ensuring that ancillary residential developments are delivered in a manner that is sustainable, policy-compliant, and beneficial to the wider community.

Kind regards

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