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Sent: 27 November 2025 15:44:33 UTC+00:00
To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/25/1700
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 27/11/2025 3:44 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	The Slips West End Lane Henfield West Sussex BN5 9RG
Proposal:	Change of use of the land for the stationing of 4no. gypsy and traveller static caravans for residential purposes and 5no. associated dayrooms.
Case Officer:	Daniel Holmes

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Customer Details

Address:	9 Beechings Henfield
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Overdevelopment
Comments:	I wish to object to planning application DC/25/1700 for the following material planning reasons: The proposal represents inappropriate development in the countryside and conflicts with the Horsham District Planning Framework and the Henfield Neighbourhood Plan. The site lies outside the built-up area boundary, is not a strategic site and is not allocated for development in either plan. Approval would therefore undermine the plan-led system recently confirmed by residents in the 2021 Henfield Neighbourhood Plan referendum.

The introduction of four static caravans, five dayrooms, parking and associated domestic infrastructure would result in a permanent and highly visible built form, causing an urbanising effect on open agricultural land. This would be harmful to the rural character of West End Lane and contrary to Policies 25 (landscape protection), 31 (environmental safeguarding) and 33 (character and amenity). There would also be a detrimental effect on the setting and views of the countryside.

The location is demonstrably unsustainable for residential use. The site has no safe pedestrian access and relies almost entirely on private vehicles for access to schools, shops, healthcare and essential services. This conflicts with Policy 40, which seeks to minimise car dependency. The narrow single-track nature of West End Lane raises further concern regarding highway safety - the increased traffic movements and service vehicles associated with four separate residential units would materially worsen congestion and vehicle conflict.

The application fails to adequately demonstrate how foul drainage, wastewater disposal, and surface water run-off will be managed without risk to neighbouring properties or the wider environment. This lack of evidence conflicts with Policy 23 regarding infrastructure capacity and environmental protection. For these reasons - including conflict with adopted planning policy, landscape harm, unsustainability of the location, infrastructure concerns and cumulative impact - I respectfully request that Horsham District Council refuses this application.

Kind regards

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