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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 26/11/2025 9:11 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:	Ameys Cottage Stonepit Lane Henfield West Sussex
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
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- Other- Overdevelopment- Privacy Light and Noise
Comments:	We have 3 existing sites in Henfield, Shoreham Road, DC/21/0753; Furners Lane DC/21/1796 and Stonepit Lane, DC/24/0367 with another further application in Stonepit Lane DC/25/1209. How many sites does Horsham and West Sussex

need and why do they have to be concentrated in one area.

Several of the applications appear to have similar authorship.

Access to Westend Lane is through the village with narrow roads and parked cars restricting access. This is not suited to large vehicles nor caravans.

Westend Lane is unlit apart from the odd light, has no pavement for pedestrians is not drained and is used by walkers and school children accessing the primary school and the school buses at the top of Westend Lane. Traffic has increased enormously over the years and any increase adds to the risk for users of all types over Westend Lane.

The proposal is contrary to many of the HDC Planning Framework policies.

It was not allocated or requested in the Local or Neighbourhood Plans.

It is outside the built up area of the village in what was, and maybe still is, and should be a conservation area.

There is no mains drainage on Westend Lane. There is no rainfall drainage apart from a few ditches. The village bus and shops are over a mile distant. Cars and walking are the only access options and as stated above Westend Lane presents problems in terms of pedestrian safety and increased traffic movements.

The site does not fit in the local countryside and is completely out of keeping and offers no appealing aspect in relation to the surrounding neighbourhood, fields and views.

Henfield seems to have a disproportionate number of sites. There are 9 pitches within Henfield, that is 10% of the stated 93 required by HDC's Local Plan, which exceeds the target and reasonable allocation of HDC requirements with regard to the size of the Parish, and clearly exceeds the local need for pitches.

As I have said in previous applications in Stonepit Lane and previously here and for the Burial ground some 400 metres west of this site there is a single name and purpose in their making. Irritate the locals and the building of a residence, where it is also not wanted, will seem to be a more favourable option. Too cynical?

Kind regards

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