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Sent: 10 February 2026 14:29
To: Planning
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/25/2006

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 10/02/2026 2:29 PM.

Application Summary

Address: Land East of 1 To 25 Hayes Lane Slinfold West Sussex

Proposal: Outline application with all matters to be reserved except for access and layout, for the erection of 38no. dwellings, (including 13no. on-site affordable housing units), together with access from Hayes Lane, vehicle and cycle parking, landscaping, open space and play provision, sustainable drainage, and re-alignment of Public Right of Way No.3782

Case Officer: Sam Whitehouse

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Customer Details

Address: Holmbush Bungalow Hayes Lane Slinfold

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

- Design
- Highway Access and Parking
- Loss of General Amenity
- Other
- Overdevelopment
- Privacy Light and Noise
- Trees and Landscaping

Comments: Good afternoon,

I am emailing to object to this planning application (DC/25/2006).

The Slinfold Neighbourhood Plan now holds little weight as it has expired - as a result, although this site had previously been included in the neighbourhood plan I don't think any development of this site is appropriate for the reasons I set out below in no particular order:

1) The site is 1km from the village centre - not an integral part of the village community and

quite a distance if you are infirm, a child or without transport.

2) Further hard / impermeable surfaces associated with a new development will cause untold issues with flooding. The developers' representative at the Parish Council meeting seemed to suggest that the sustainable drainage system that is included in the plans will circumvent all flooding issues that may occur from this site being built on - my experience is that much of the water running off the hard surfaces of the planned scheme won't head in the direction of the sink pond (east) but will head off towards Hayes Lane (west) which will just compound the flooding issues that occur on that part of Hayes Lane threatening homes, cars and people.

3) I walk my dog through this site regularly and I can confirm that Nightingale birds reside here during the period of the year that they migrate to the UK because I have seen and heard them both in the day and night. Nightingales are an endangered species and are a red-listed animal which offers them the greatest legal protection in the UK. Developing this site will have a detrimental and material impact on this bird species.

4) Hayes Lane is a rural country lane which has already been subject to increased traffic movements in recent years due to the development of Six Acres, Brick Lane and Welwyn Way and Hayes Lane can take no more traffic - with cars parked on both sides of the lane and often on the pavement, it becomes very dangerous to walk and drive along it and further development would compound the issues which are already extreme.

5) This is a green field site - once built on, it will never revert to nature. As a nation we need to ensure that we do not impact our natural capital to meet housing demands implemented by government. Horsham district council should be prioritising the better connected/located and more appropriate brownfield sites in the district.

In summary, as much as the Neighbourhood Plan included this site and had originally suggested 15 homes should be built on it in a ribbon-style development - my view, based on the facts I confirm above, is that this site should not be subject to any form of residential development.

Kind regards

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