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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/25/2079
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Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 28/01/2026 1:32 PM.

Application Summary

Address: Cotlands Paddock Horsham Road Cowfold West Sussex RH13 8AH

Proposal: Use of land for the stationing of 4no. static caravans for (Gypsy and Traveller) residential purposes and associated day rooms.

Case Officer: Shazia Penne

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Customer Details

Address: Ingleside Henfield Road Cowfold

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment: - Other

Comments: I wish to lodge a formal objection to the above planning application for the siting of four caravans on the referenced land.

My objection is based on material planning considerations relating to public health, environmental harm, site management, and the suitability of the site for residential use, as set out below.

1. Environmental and Public Health Concerns

Since the applicants purchased the land, and prior to any planning permission being granted, large quantities of waste materials have been deposited on the site. These materials include, but are not limited to:

Asbestos-containing materials

Expanding foam

Bitumen

Plastics and other mixed waste

Over the last two nights, these waste piles have been deliberately set alight. The fires have produced significant volumes of thick, toxic smoke, which has drifted over the surrounding village.

The Fire Brigade has attended the site in response to these incidents. The smoke generated has caused distress to residents and presents a clear risk to public health, particularly given the known hazards associated with burning asbestos, plastics, and bitumen.

2. Evidence of Inappropriate and Unsafe Site Management

The actions described above demonstrate a serious lack of responsible site management and disregard for environmental protection and public safety. These activities have taken place before any planning consent has been granted and raise substantial concerns about the applicants' ability or willingness to manage the site in a safe and lawful manner if residential use were approved.

3. Unsuitability of the Site for Residential Use

The burning of hazardous waste on the site calls into question its suitability for residential occupation, both for future occupants and for neighbouring residents. The creation of toxic emissions and the involvement of emergency services indicate that the proposed use would be incompatible with the surrounding area and could place an ongoing burden on local services.

4. Material Planning Considerations

These incidents are directly relevant to the determination of this application, as they relate to:

Public safety and health

Environmental protection

Nuisance and harm to neighbouring amenity

The appropriateness of the site for residential development

For the reasons outlined above, I respectfully request that this planning application be refused.

I also ask that the planning authority gives full consideration to the recent activities on the site and consults with Environmental Health and other relevant authorities as part of its assessment.

Kind regards

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