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Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/25/1899
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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 18/12/2025 10:24 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land To The South of Amberley Close Playing Fields Rowlands Road Horsham West Sussex RH12 4LH
Proposal:	Erection of 1no single-storey detached self-build / custom-build dwelling with associated works.
Case Officer:	Hannah Darley

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Customer Details

Address:	7 Lansdown Close Horsham
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Highway Access and Parking- Loss of General Amenity- Overdevelopment
Comments:	<p>First and foremost the only means of access to the site is via footpaths or on foot via Amberley Close playing field. There is no vehicular access and such means of access is not being applied for. Future</p> <p>The application states that parking in Rowlands Road, which is already crowded, would not be exacerbated as it is expected only</p>

one vehicle would be involved. This is unrealistic as the proposed bungalow has three bedrooms implying at least two adults and most of the dwellings with similar accommodation in the area have at least two, and frequently more, vehicles.

If Rowlands Road is to be used for access to the site heavy vehicles delivering machinery and materials will cause unacceptable disturbance to the residents.

For 42 years to my knowledge Amberley Close playing field has incorporated this parcel of land which is and has been freely used by the public during this time. The playing field was in existence in the late 1970s when the Amberley Grange housing development commenced but the Authorities required the omission of four dwellings at the Amberley Road/Glendale area in order to create an open space for public use due the density of housing being built. Since then Earles Meadow development has added to that density.

The application admits the majority of properties in the area have only relatively modest garden areas so any loss of local amenity space is critical. Reference to the Horsham District having surplus multifunctional greenspace is irrelevant in this case as the area in question relates to LOCAL facilities.

The claim that the development will enhance the area because a hedge will be planted is difficult to understand.

The area already has a high density of housing and this one dwelling will only exacerbate the situation, and will not as claimed, provide a significant addition to meeting housing requirements of the District.

If this is not land for public use can the owner, and indeed the local authorities, explain why Council contractors have been maintaining the area at public expense. Also, if it is private property why has the area not been fenced off?

The application, which could be seen as speculative, fails on many other fronts and is inappropriate for the location and I contend should be refused accordingly.

Kind regards

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