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To: Planning
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/25/1700

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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 25/11/2025 1:04 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:	Laurel House Lawyers Lane Henfield
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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">- Loss of General Amenity- Other- Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	I submit this objection on the grounds of ecological harm and democratic accountability.

1. Ecological

- The applicant has failed to provide a full Ecological Impact Assessment

- NPPF Paragraph 180 requires that planning decisions protect and enhance biodiversity and prevent harm to protected species. This proposal clearly conflicts with that requirement.
- HDPF Policy 31 (Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity) and Henfield Neighbourhood Plan Policy 10 (Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity) both require protection of habitats and species.

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2. Conflict with the Henfield Neighbourhood Plan

- The Henfield Neighbourhood Plan (HNP 2017-2031) was adopted following extensive consultation and referendum, giving it democratic legitimacy.
- Policy 1 (Spatial Plan) restricts development outside the Built-Up Area Boundary (BUAB). This site lies outside the BUAB and has not been allocated for development.
- To disregard the HNP in favour of speculative development undermines the democratic process and the principle of localism enshrined in the Localism Act 2011.
- The NPPF (Paragraphs 11-13) makes clear that neighbourhood plans form part of the statutory development plan and must be given full weight in decision-making. Ignoring the HNP would be contrary to national policy and to democratic accountability.

3. Failure of the Applicant's Case

- The applicant's planning statement ██████████, relying ██████████ on tokenistic measures such as bird boxes and hedge planting. These do not mitigate the legal and ecological harm of disturbing a protected species.
 - The omission of a proper ecological survey is a fundamental flaw. Without this, the application cannot be lawfully determined.
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4. Conclusion

This application is unlawful and unsustainable because:

- It conflicts with NPPF Paragraph 180, HDPF Policy 31, and Henfield Neighbourhood Plan Policy 10.
 - It undermines the democratic legitimacy of the Henfield Neighbourhood Plan, contrary to the Localism Act 2011 and the NPPF's plan-led system.
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Kind regards

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