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Sent: 27 November 2025 11:32:06 UTC+00:00
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 27/11/2025 11:32 AM.

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:	Lashmars Hall Stonepit 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">- Highway Access and Parking- Loss of General Amenity- Other- Overdevelopment- Privacy Light and Noise- Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	I Strongly object to the proposed development Henfield Parish comprises only 3% of the geographic area of Horsham district. It contains only a tiny proportion of the overall population of the whole of Horsham District.

The need to provide gypsy and traveller pitches is not in question but the need to site so many in the Parish of Henfield is strongly challenged. The government expects that these pitches should be in a broad geography / a number of locations in order to enable the traditional and nomadic way of life therefore, not crammed into one small Parish.

In the last 4 years Henfield has accommodated 10 pitches, 2 pitches: Shoreham Road (DC/21/0753). 5 pitches: Furners Lane (DC/21/1796). 3 pitches: Stonepit Lane (DC/24/0367).

This quantity in Henfield is already exceeding the target 10% of HDC requirements, this is a significant burden of pitches considering the size of the parish and is obviously exceeding the local need for pitches.

The application also appears to be contrary to a significant number of the HDPF policies.

- 1, as it is not a strategic site in the Local Plan
 - 2, as it is not a nominated site in the Neighbourhood Plan
 - 3, as it is not within an existing built-up area
 - 4, as the site is not allocated in the Local Plan or Neighbourhood Plan, and does not adjoin an existing settlement edge
 - 19, as it is not a proposal for park homes or caravans to meet a local housing need.
 - 21, as this is not a strategic allocated Gypsy and Traveller site
 - 23, as the site cannot be served by safe and convenient vehicular and pedestrian access; or cannot be supplied with essential services, such as water, power, sewage and drainage, and waste disposal; or provide adequate vehicle parking; or would have an unacceptable impact on the landscape
 - 25, as does not protect, conserve or enhance the landscape or townscape character of the district; or as does not protect, conserve or enhance the setting of the South Downs National Park
 - 31, as the application does not conserve or enhance the natural environment
 - 33, as there is loss of amenity to the neighbouring property; or the design is not sensitive to surrounding buildings, as the proposal is out of keeping and unsympathetic with the built surroundings and in that it does not respect the character of the surrounding area.
 - 33.2, as there is loss of amenity to the neighbouring property; or the design is not sensitive to surrounding buildings
 - 33.4, in that it does not respect the character of the surrounding area and buildings.
 - 34, as it does not preserve, and ensure clear legibility of, locally distinctive vernacular building forms and their settings, features, fabric and materials;
 - 39, as it does not demonstrate there being sufficient capacity in the existing infrastructure to meet their requirements; or as there is no assessment of the likely infrastructure requirement or its provision
 - 40, as it does not maintain or improve the existing transport system; nor is located in an area where there is a choice of local
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transport; and there is no sustainable transport to the site. In addition the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government - Planning policy for traveller sites (Updated 12 December 2024) Clearly states The government's overarching aim is to ensure fair and equal treatment for travellers, in a way that facilitates the traditional and nomadic way of life of travellers while respecting the interests of the settled community.

Policy B

Local planning authorities should:

- d) relate the number of pitches or plots to the circumstances of the specific size and location of the site and the surrounding population's size and density
 - e) protect local amenity and environment
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Kind regards

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