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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/25/1019
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 01/09/2025 9:39 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land To The West of Shoreham Road Small Dole West Sussex
Proposal:	Outline planning application for up to 45 dwellings (including affordable homes) with all matters reserved apart from access.
Case Officer:	Nicola Pettifer

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Customer Details

Address:	Ogg Lodge, Shoreham Road Small Dole
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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- Privacy Light and Noise
Comments:	Sustainable development: Small Dole has no schools or medical facilities, and only one small shop. Public transport is limited to mornings and afternoons between Mondays and Saturdays. A development of this size would inevitably lead to a significant increase in private car use. DC/25/1019 conflicts with the strategic policy aim of sustainable development and the need to minimise travel, as well as reduce reliance on the private car.

Road safety: Access to the site would be via a junction with the A2037, just below the brow of a hill. Traffic travelling from the Henfield side of the village will not be able to clearly see traffic coming out of the access road. This stretch of road is already very busy, with cars, lorries and motorbikes often exceeding the 30 mph speed limit, and the proposed development will increase the risks of serious accidents.

Harm to the landscape: The previous application to develop the proposed site was rejected by HDC in 2015 on the grounds that it would have an adverse impact on the surrounding landscape and settlement character of Small Dole, integrating poorly with the existing settlement and resulting in the urbanisation of a rural area. These objections are still valid in the case of DC/25/1019. Furthermore, the current proposal is likely to lead to an increase in light pollution in a countryside area which is very close to the South Downs National Park, designated as an International Dark Sky Reserve. The potentially significant increase in traffic, as noted above, would have a further detrimental impact on the local environment in terms of increased noise pollution and poor air quality.

Conflict with Henfield Neighbourhood Plan: Small Dole village is divided between two neighbourhood planning areas - Henfield and Upper Beeding. During the neighbourhood planning process, both Parish Councils agreed that any new development in the village would need to take into account the overall sustainability and size of the settlement. The decision was taken to limit development to the Oxcroft Farm site only and residents voted for this plan in May 2021. HDC's proposal to overturn this decision is a negation of the local democratic process. If the proposed allocation is agreed, Small Dole will be faced with an increase of sixty homes on two sites, thus potentially increasing the size of the population by 20 - 25%. For such a small village this would be a disproportionately large and unsustainable development with harmful consequences both for the character of the village and quality of life of the inhabitants.

For all the reasons above, I object to this proposal.

Kind regards

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