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Sent: 30 May 2025 16:38
To: Planning
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/25/0629

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 30/05/2025 4:38 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Former Novartis Site Parsonage Road Horsham West Sussex RH12 5AA
Proposal:	Residential development comprising approximately 206 dwellings, including the conversion of 'Building 3' and demolition of 'Building 36'. Vehicular access taken from Wimblehurst Road. Car and cycle parking, landscaping and open space and associated works. The replacement of the existing cedar trees at the site.
Case Officer:	Jason Hawkes

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Customer Details

Address:	13 Richmond road 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- Overdevelopment
Comments:	<p>Dear Sir / Madam,</p> <p>I am writing to object to the proposed development on the following grounds:</p> <p>1. Unsuitable Road Infrastructure: The existing road network in the area is already under significant pressure, particularly near the railway crossing. Introducing an estimated 800 additional cars will exacerbate traffic congestion, increase travel times, and raise safety concerns for both drivers and pedestrians. The current infrastructure is not equipped to handle this level of increased use.</p> <p>2. Overdevelopment of the Site: The proposal represents an over-intensification of</p>

development in a relatively small area. The scale and density of housing are disproportionate to the size of the site and the capacity of the surrounding community to support such a large influx of new residents.

3. Potential Land Contamination: The site was previously used for chemical activity, raising serious concerns about soil and groundwater contamination. There must be a full and transparent environmental assessment to ensure the safety of future residents and the surrounding ecosystem.

4. Water Neutrality Concerns: The proposed offsetting of water use to nearby towns is not a sustainable or acceptable solution. Development should not proceed without a clear, local plan for maintaining water neutrality that does not negatively impact other communities.

5. Insufficient Local Infrastructure: The area already faces pressure on essential services, including schools and GP surgeries. An increase in population without corresponding investment in education and healthcare provision will lead to unacceptable strain on local services and a reduced quality of life for both existing and new residents.

For these reasons, I urge the planning authority to reject the application or require substantial amendments that address the above concerns in full.

Kind regards,

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