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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 18/06/2025 8:10 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: 2 Old Denne Gardens Horsham West Sussex

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

- Design
- Highway Access and Parking
- Loss of General Amenity
- Overdevelopment
- Trees and Landscaping

Comments: I am writing on behalf of the Horsham Society to object to this application.


We are disappointed with the way in which plans for this site have developed. Originally the broad approach avenue running up to the landmark former Novartis building was to be retained together with the mature cedar trees. Now we are told that the trees have to be felled and the approach has been significantly narrowed with new tree planting that will never adequately replace what will have been lost. We consider it essential that an another independent review is conducted to establish whether there could be an alternative approach

which would make it possible to retain the existing trees. The approach avenue needs to be widened.

Overall, we consider that the proposals amount to overdevelopment of the site. The proposed house designs are in our view unimaginative, particularly the replacement "gatehouse" properties which do not do the site justice.

The access roads are too narrow and there is insufficient parking provision for residents, visitors, delivery vehicles and tradesmen.

This development will have a significant adverse impact on the surrounding road network, particularly Wimblehurst Road, yet there is no traffic management plan proposing specific remedial traffic management measures.


A/Secretary, Planning Sub Committee

Kind regards

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