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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 12:40 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:	Farm Buildings at New Inn Farm West End 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">- Design- Highway Access and Parking- Overdevelopment- Privacy Light and Noise- Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	Objection to Planning Application DC/25/1700 - The Slips, West End Lane, Henfield I am writing to object to the above planning application for change of use of agricultural land at The Slips, West End Lane for the stationing of static caravans, day-rooms,

associated parking and landscaping. My objections are based solely on material planning considerations, not on personal characteristics of potential occupants.

1. Non-allocation and Conflict with Neighbourhood / Local Plan

The site is not listed or allocated as a traveller site in the Henfield Neighbourhood Plan (May 2021), nor is it designated for development in the local plan. Approving this proposal would circumvent the local democratic planning process. Granting permission here would set a precedent for further ad-hoc developments outside allocated sites, undermining the integrity of the planning framework.

2. Unsustainable Location - Lack of Services and Infrastructure

The site is agricultural land without adequate access to essential services such as public transport, schools, health care, and shops. This would result in significant reliance on private vehicles, contrary to national planning sustainability principles. Additional traffic from caravans and service vehicles would increase pressure on West End Lane.

3. Landscape, Environmental and Cumulative Visual Impact

Replacing open agricultural land with caravans, hardstanding and day-rooms would materially and permanently alter the rural character. Henfield already hosts a high proportion of the district's traveller provision; further development would have a cumulative and disproportionate impact on the parish.

4. Impact on Amenity and Local Community

The proposal is likely to result in increased noise, vehicle movements and general activity, impacting the rural quietness, neighbouring properties and local amenity. The visual impact of static caravans is incompatible with the character of the surrounding landscape.

5. Lack of Evidence for Need & Incomplete Supporting Documentation

The application does not demonstrate a proven need for additional pitches in Henfield. Key documents appear absent, including drainage, sewage, environmental and ecological assessments, and detailed access and infrastructure plans. These omissions make it impossible to fully assess the impact.

Conclusion

For the reasons above, I respectfully request that the Council refuse this application. If the Council is nonetheless minded to approve, I request that full ecological, drainage, traffic impact and infrastructure assessments be required, and that such development only take place on sites already identified within the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.

Kind regards

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