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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 26/11/2025 9:50 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:	Chanctonbury 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- Loss of General Amenity- Other- Overdevelopment- Privacy Light and Noise
Comments:	I strongly object to the proposed development of five caravans and day rooms for Gypsies and Travellers at The Slips, West End Lane, Henfield for the reasons given.

Highway access and parking - increase in traffic on lane without pavements

Loss of General Amenity - loss of grassland/agricultural land

Overdevelopment - 9 traveller sites already located in Henfield

Privacy Light and Noise - site is not secluded so impact on environment and surrounding properties

The application DC/25/0519 is contrary to the HD Planning Framework Policy apply namely:

* Policy 1, 2, 3 & 4: Not a strategic site or allocated in the Local or Neighbourhood Plans; not within a built-up area

* Policy 23 & 39: Lack of safe access, essential services, or infrastructure capacity

* Policy 25 & 31: Harm to the landscape and environment, including the setting of the South Downs National Park

* Policy 33, 33.2, 33.4, 34: Loss of amenity, poor integration with surroundings, and unsympathetic design

* Policy 40: No sustainable transport options; promotes car dependency

In the past, the proposed site and the field it backs onto, located just past Lawyers Lane on the south side of West End Lane, have been used as an informal camping and caravan site without the necessary permissions for the duration of annual usage.

On a technical basis, the site is currently grassland for agricultural purposes but has not been used as such; no grass crop or grazing animals have been evident in the 13 years I have lived here.

At this current time, three traveller caravans on site, which have been there for a number of months. In the past there have been more.

Submitted site and block plans, are inaccurate as no animal training centre exists, nor is there evidence of permission for this. Over the last two year, guard dogs have been kept in the stable, without permission, then moved. The stable block mysterious burn down some weeks ago. In the past, houses causing access issues to other now developed gypsy sites also burned down. Other applications for single houses to be build in West End Lane have been refused on the basis that the dwelling would not be behind existing dwellings and not on the highway frontage amongst other reasons for the declining of permission.

The proposed design is out of keeping with the surroundings.

This site is significantly different from the other travellers' sites within the parish, as it is more visible and has a greater impact on the landscape. Each case must be judged on its merits, There is no demonstrable needed for this site other than to be the stepping stone to house building.

Henfield Parish covers just under 4% of Horsham District's land area (1,700 out of 53,000 hectares) Yet in the past 4 years alone, Henfield has absorbed 9 traveller pitches, accounting for 10% of the total 93 required pitches under the emerging Horsham Local Plan:

* 2 pitches: Shoreham Road (DC/21/0753).

* 5 pitches: Furners Lane (DC/21/1796).

* 2 pitches: Stonepit Lane (DC/24/0367).

This raises concerns that Henfield is:

1 Exceeding its share of Horsham District's planned provision.

2 Hosting a disproportionate number of pitches relative to its size and population.

3 Likely exceeding the local need for traveller accommodation.

4 Unduly burdened compared to other parts of the District.

5 Approving yet another site exceeds a reasonable capacity for this area, with a cumulative urbanising effect.

Government guidance encourages a broad geographic distribution to support the traditional and nomadic way of life, rather than concentrating in one small parish. In addition to the formal objections above referencing the specific planning framework policy.

Traffic congestion on what is technically a single track road with no pavement will increase. Walkers, equestrians and bike riders will face further disruption and a general loss of the countryside environment

Kind regards

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