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## 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 10:13 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:	Fair oaks Lawyers 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"><li>- Design</li><li>- Highway Access and Parking</li><li>- Loss of General Amenity</li><li>- Other</li><li>- Overdevelopment</li><li>- Privacy Light and Noise</li><li>- Trees and Landscaping</li></ul>

Comments:	Objection to Planning Application DC/25/1700 - The Slips, West End Lane, Henfield
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I wish to object strongly to this application for the change of use of land to create 4 gypsy/traveller pitches and 5 dayrooms on a narrow rural site directly adjoining existing homes, including my own.

#### 1. Harm to Neighbouring Residential Amenity

I have already experienced significant disturbance from the current unauthorised use of the land:

- Frequent noise, including barking dogs, loud music late into the night and arguments requiring police attendance.
- Smoke pollution preventing the use of outdoor space and causing discomfort in summer.

These issues have materially harmed our amenity. Policy 23 of the HDPF requires that development must not adversely affect neighbours-this proposal clearly fails that test, and intensification would worsen the situation.

#### 2. Site is Fundamentally Unsuitable

The Council's own consultees confirm the site cannot safely or acceptably accommodate this development:

- Fire safety: Caravans too close to boundaries.
- Protected trees: The narrow 35m site places TPO oak trees under long-term threat.
- Drainage/sewage: Unresolved capacity concerns.
- Light pollution: Potential nuisance to neighbours.

These issues cannot be resolved through conditions; the land is simply the wrong shape, size and context.

#### 3. Speculative Commercial Proposal with No Identified Need

No future occupants or personal circumstances have been disclosed. Paragraph 24 of the PPTS requires such information. This is a speculative commercial rental venture, not an application from a family with a proven need. Planning policies for traveller sites are being used here for commercial gain.

#### 4. Over-Concentration in Henfield

Henfield has already provided 13 traveller pitches, disproportionately more than its 3.8% share of district population. If approved, Henfield would host around 21 pitches-four times its fair proportion-contrary to PPTS Policy C requiring fair distribution across the district.

#### 5. Overdevelopment and Harm to Rural Character

The proposal would create an intensive residential compound-multiple caravans, dayrooms, cars and hardstanding-on a narrow countryside plot, conflicting with HDPF Policy 26, which seeks to

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protect rural character.

#### 6. Inaccurate and Misleading Information

Claims of effective boundary screening are untrue; the site is clearly visible from neighbouring homes. The plan also misleadingly labels an adjoining field as an "Animal Training Centre," which no longer exists.

#### 7. Clear Conflict with Policy

- HDPF Policies 23 & 26: Unacceptable impact on amenity and harmful intensification of countryside.
- PPTS Paragraphs 24, 25 & 27: No identified need or personal circumstances; site is unallocated countryside; no justification for permanent permission.

#### Conclusion

This speculative commercial development is unsuitable, unnecessary, and harmful. It sits far too close to protected trees and existing homes, and Henfield has already provided more than its fair share of traveller pitches. I therefore request that this application be refused.

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Kind regards

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