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Sent: 01 October 2025 11:23:14 UTC+01:00
To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/25/1146
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 01/10/2025 11:23 AM.

Application Summary

Address: Leonardslee Gardens Brighton Road Lower Beeding West Sussex RH13 6PP

Proposal: Extension to the visitor entrance building to house a new ticket sales area and café; Infilling roof to the former generator block courtyard, re-roofing of the Alpine House and internal/external reconfigurations and link extension; Single storey winter garden conservatory to the Stable Block; Terrace extension to the east and internal/ external reconfigurations; Change of use from redundant staff offices and staff accommodation within the stable block to guest accommodation including extension to Honey Cottage; Change of use to the partial first floor of the Red House to staff accommodation; Small WC extension, reinstated chimney stack, and roof alterations to the Engine House; Lightweight wedding pavilion to the lawn, south of Leonardslee House; Landscaping changes including to the forecourt of Leonardslee House.

Case Officer: Alice Johnson

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Customer Details

Address: Old Mill House, Cowfold Road, Bolney Bolney Haywards Heath

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Reasons for comment: - Design

Comments:

I am writing to express my support for the recent planning application for improvements at Leonardslee Lakes & Gardens.

Leonardslee is a much-loved destination that plays an important role in our community and in the wider visitor economy. The proposals set out are thoughtful, sensitive, and in keeping with the heritage and character of the gardens, while ensuring they remain sustainable and accessible for future generations.

I welcome the key improvements, including:

The extended ticket entrance, which will improve visitor arrival and management.

Enhancements to the Leonardslee House forecourt and landscaping, reducing visual impact.

The refurbishment of the Stable Block and Clocktower Kitchen, providing improved facilities and a new winter garden extension.

The extension of the Engine House Café, including accessible facilities and expanded outdoor seating.

The restoration of the Former Generator Block into a flexible events space.

Relocation of the Dolls House Exhibition to be closer to the Play Park, alongside conversion of the Red House offices to staff accommodation.

The introduction of a discreet, lightweight wedding pavilion on the House lawn.

I am particularly reassured that the proposals have been designed to minimise disruption, with works concentrated within the gardens and careful consideration given to limiting additional noise, light, or visual intrusion for neighbours.

Overall, I believe these plans represent a sensitive and positive enhancement of an important local asset, which will benefit both visitors and the local community. I therefore urge the Council to grant permission for this application.

Kind regards

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