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Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/25/1700
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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 12/11/2025 2:55 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:	Willow barn west end lane Henfield
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design - Highway Access and Parking - Loss of General Amenity - Other - Overdevelopment - Privacy Light and Noise
Comments:	Our village has a Henfield Neighbourhood Plan 2017-2031 which it seems keeps being ignored although I believe this is a legal binding document! This application is contrary to HDPF policies in a number of ways:

1) It is not a strategic site in the local plan
2) It has not been allocated or identified in the NP as suitable for traveller accommodation
3) It is not within an existing built up area. The Henfield NP defined the village BUAB and so restricts development outside the village
4) The site is not allocated in the local or NP and does not adjoin an existing settlement edge. On a plan it mentions an animal training centre which doesn't exist anymore. Bizarrely the latter went up in flames in very suspicious circumstances a few months ago !!!!? And OH SURPRISE, A CARAVAN HAS BEEN PUT THERE AND BEEN OCCUPIED EVER SINCE!!!!?
10) It does not maintain the quality and character of the area, no sustainable farming either.
21) This is not a strategic allocated gipsy and traveller site. Moreover Henfield has already a high number of traveller pitches which have been approved in recent years compared to neighbouring areas. In the last 4 years Henfield has encompassed 9 new travellers pitches then exceeding the target allocation of 10% of HDC requirements baring in mind the fact that Henfield population is a fraction of the whole population of Horsham District.
I am also puzzled by the application of 4 pitches and 5 hard day rooms. What are those exactly? Travellers by definition travel why a day room??
23) West end LANE is a single track LANE therefore the site cannot be served by safe vehicle and there are no pedestrian pavements. The site cannot be supplied with essential services like water, sewage, drainage nor waste disposal.
31) The application does not protect, conserve or enhance the landscape character of the district.
40) It does not maintain or improve the existing transport system as this is non existent.
There is an emerging Horsham Plan 2023-2040 and the draft does not include the slips.
Allowing development on an unallocated site risks to undermine confidence in the plan-led system and sets a harmful precedent.

Kind regards

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