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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/25/0151
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 23/04/2025 10:00 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land To The North and South of Mercer Road Warnham West Sussex
Proposal:	Redevelopment of the site to provide 304 residential units, parking, a retail unit, public car park, public open space, attenuation basins and landscaping
Case Officer:	Matthew Porter

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Customer Details

Address: Meadowview Cottage, Graylands Farm Barns Langhurstwood Road HORSHAM

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- Other- Overdevelopment- Privacy Light and Noise
Comments:	I am writing to formally object to the proposed development of land to the north and south of Mercer Road, Horsham. My concerns are based on the following key issues:

- Overdevelopment and Environmental Impact

The scale of this development is excessive and poses a significant threat to local wildlife, including deer, newts, foxes, and various bird species. The increased levels of light and noise pollution will have a lasting negative effect on the surrounding farmland and residential properties, disrupting established ecosystems.

- Inadequate Infrastructure and Safety Concerns

Langhurstwood Road, from which Mercer Road stems, is not suitable for such a substantial increase in traffic. It lacks pedestrian pathways, contains numerous blind bends, and is heavily trafficked by industrial vehicles servicing nearby factories. The addition of a large number of residential properties will substantially heighten the risk to pedestrians, making road safety an urgent concern.

Additionally, no traffic analysis has been conducted regarding the impact on roads heading north to Rusper, as this is likely to be the primary route for new residents traveling to Dorking and London. The suitability of these roads for handling increased traffic volumes has not been addressed, which raises further concerns about road safety and infrastructure capacity.

- Water Stress and Sustainability Issues

Horsham is an area of acute water stress, yet the development lacks a substantial plan for water runoff and neutrality. Increasing the strain on the local water supply would exacerbate existing environmental pressures and further damage the surrounding ecosystem.

- Impact on Local Character and Heritage

The proposed development threatens to irreversibly alter the character of the area and its historic farmsteads. Horsham has a long-standing rural identity that should be preserved, and this large-scale construction risks undermining the heritage and sense of place that the local community values.

Given these concerns, I urge the planning authority to reject this proposal in order to protect the environmental integrity, infrastructure, and historical character of Horsham.

Kind regards

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