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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 9:05 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: Southlands Cottage, Graylands Farm Barns, Langhurstwood Rd Horsham

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer made comments neither objecting to or supporting the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Highway Access and Parking- Overdevelopment
Comments:	Looking at the overall plan, the density of housing looks too great for the enclosed area covered, especially the South section. For 304 properties what number of additional individuals and vehicles allowed for. Both are critical when considering access and impact to the surrounding area. Langhurstwood Road (LWR)

is already a busy road with many HGV vehicles throughout the day using the brickworks, BritanniaCrest and Biffa as well as many industrial and office units further up LWR.

Concerns have already been raised in the past regarding the safety for pedestrians walking from the industrial units down towards the A264 or to Warnham station.

'Planning for Walking' states that 80% of journeys on foot are less than 1 mile but this ignores the road safety aspect in the area. currently this would mean walking along the busy and dangerous LWR. I note that the plans do include a new footpath along LWR from site to the A264. this is welcome but is essential and should part of an early phase.

Until such time as the North of Horsham development reaches LWR and creates a new roundabout at Mercer Rd, access to anywhere further East requires crossing the A264 and therefore needs a safer crossing. As does the crossing of the A24 at the end of Station Road for pedestrians walking West towards Warnham.

With the likely increase in motor traffic, i'm also concerned about the vehicular access onto LWR, the majority will be funneled in and out of the Mercer Rd junction with LWR. this has potential for long delays and tail backs. There is also a new exit from the North site directly onto LWR, this junction is on a short hill and would have a blind spot of vehicles travelling south over the brow of the hill. This is already a hazardous spot with HGVs passing on the blind bend.

Has any consideration been given to additional road traffic travelling North along LWR, this road is in need of repair especially as it reaches Friday street and beyond.

Kind regards

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