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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/25/0403
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 1:59 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Stonehouse Farm Handcross Road Plummers Plain West Sussex RH13 6NZ
Proposal:	Full Planning Application to form a comprehensive masterplan including: 1. Rationalisation and enhancement of existing commercial facilities (Use Classes E(g) B2 and B8 at Stonehouse Business Park including demolition of two buildings and their replacement with new Class E(g), B2 and B8 facilities. Extension of existing building to form a new office and wardens' accommodation. Existing mobile home removed. 2. Decommissioning of the Anaerobic Digester and re-use of the existing 2no buildings for storage and office uses (Class E (g) and B8) and the diversion of a public footpath. 3. Residential redevelopment of the Jacksons Farm site including the demolition of existing barns to provide 3no. dwellings with access, parking, and landscaping.
Case Officer:	Amanda Wilkes

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Customer Details

Address:	Axford House Hammerpond Road Horsham
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Reasons for comment: - Design

Comments: I am writing to support this proposal for the redevelopment of Stonehouse Farm. I am a local resident - my property backs on to the farm on Hammerpond Road.

The applicant has gone to great lengths to engage with the local community over the past 12 months or so, with a series of well-attended public meetings, regular email and leaflet communications, and a demonstrable responsiveness to individual concerns and issues. In particular, the applicant has demonstrated a willingness to adapt their plans in response to concerns raised by the local community, for example in relation to the recommissioning of the anaerobic biodigester plant.

The combination of the repurposing of the redundant dairy parlour and biodigester buildings as a low-impact storage/distribution facility, a high quality residential development in place of the dilapidated farm buildings at Jacksons Farm, a well-managed small-scale industrial estate at the eastern end of the site and large-scale rewilding for biodiversity net gain across the remainder of the site is a considered and appropriate use of the site.

It is worth remembering that under previous ownership, local residents had to endure many years of bad practice and nuisance, including unauthorised development and industrial activities that led to more than 50 planning enforcement investigations. This current proposal demonstrates the opposite approach - an appropriate and low-impact redevelopment of a redundant agricultural holding, backed by strong local community engagement, and is worthy of support.

Kind regards

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