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Sent: 11 December 2025 21:47
To: Planning
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/25/1899

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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 11/12/2025 9:47 PM.

Application Summary

Address: Land To The South of Amberley Close Playing Fields Rowlands Road Horsham West Sussex RH12 4LH

Proposal: Erection of 1no single-storey detached self-build / custom-build dwelling with associated works.

Case Officer: Hannah Darley

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Customer Details

Address: 9 Church Walk Sawbridgeworth

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment: - Design
- Highway Access and Parking
- Loss of General Amenity
- Overdevelopment
- Privacy Light and Noise

Comments: Subject: Objection to Planning Application DC/25/1899 - Proposed Development on Playing Fields off Rowlands Road
Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed development on the playing fields off Rowlands Road.

1. Inadequate Access and Parking

The plot of land is effectively landlocked, with no safe or practical vehicle access. Rowlands Road is already severely constrained for parking. Introducing construction vehicles and, later, residential traffic will exacerbate the issue and create significant hazards for pedestrians and residents.

2. Health and Safety Risks During Construction

The proposed development raises serious health and safety concerns. There is no clear plan for how heavy machinery and materials will be transported without causing disruption or danger. If access is attempted via the paths [REDACTED], this would pose unacceptable risks to vulnerable residents. Similarly, using the playing fields for access would endanger children who regularly use the playground.

3. Loss of Community Space and Character

The playing fields are a valued community asset, providing open space for recreation and social interaction. Building on this land would permanently diminish the character of the area and deprive residents of a vital green space. This is contrary to local planning policies that seek to protect community amenities.

4. Visual and Environmental Impact

The proposed fencing and structures will negatively affect the outlook of adjacent homes, reducing privacy and light.

5. Drainage and Flooding Concerns

The playing fields currently act as a natural drainage area. Development could adversely affect the area.

6. Overdevelopment and Precedent

This proposal represents overdevelopment of a constrained site and sets a dangerous precedent for building on community land. It appears motivated by profit rather than public interest, disregarding the needs and safety of existing residents.

In summary, this application is impractical, unsafe, and detrimental to the local community. It fails to address fundamental issues of access, safety, environmental impact, and loss of amenity. I urge the planning committee to reject this proposal in the strongest possible terms.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

Kind regards

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