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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 27/11/2025 8:29 AM.

### 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:	18 Banfield Gardens Henfield
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### Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Design</li><li>- Highway Access and Parking</li><li>- Other</li><li>- Overdevelopment</li><li>- Privacy Light and Noise</li><li>- Trees and Landscaping</li></ul>
Comments:	Dear Sir or Madam,  I would like to submit my objection to the planning application for a travellers site on West End Lane, Henfield.

My reasons are set out below and relate to legitimate planning considerations.

1. Over intensification of residential use in an unsuitable location

Even if the land already has a residential element, this proposal would significantly increase the scale of activity on the site. Multiple caravans, day rooms and associated vehicles would turn it into a much larger residential use than the area is suited for. West End Lane is a rural location with limited access and infrastructure, and this level of use would be out of keeping with its surroundings.

2. Impact on rural character and appearance

West End Lane is defined by open views, fields and low density housing. A concentrated residential site of this type would noticeably change the look and feel of the area and reduce the rural character that local planning policies aim to protect.

3. Highway and road safety concerns

The lane is narrow, has limited passing places and has no pavements for pedestrians. Increasing traffic from residents, visitors and service vehicles would create additional risks for people using the road. It is simply not designed to cope with a higher number of vehicle movements.

4. Drainage and surface water concerns

There are already points along this area where surface water collects after heavy rain. The proposal would introduce hardstanding, new access arrangements and increased wastewater, which could make existing drainage issues worse. The application does not give clear or convincing evidence that these risks can be properly managed.

5. Poor access to local services and amenities

Although the roads are lit, the site is still a considerable distance from essential services such as shops, schools and medical care. Access to these requires travel along rural roads without pavements, making it impractical and unsuitable for additional residential use of the scale proposed. The lack of safe walking routes remains a key issue.

6. Potential for cumulative impact and future precedent

Approving this application may encourage further similar developments along West End Lane, gradually increasing pressure on the road network, rural landscape and local services.

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7. Conflict with local planning policy

The proposal does not appear to align with Henfield's Neighbourhood Plan or wider district policies which aim to protect the rural setting and ensure that new or intensified residential uses are placed in sustainable and suitable locations.

For these reasons, I ask that the application is refused.

Yours faithfully,

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Kind regards

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