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Sent: 16 July 2025 12:45:58 UTC+01:00
To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/25/0629
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 16/07/2025 12:45 PM.

Application Summary

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| Address: | Former Novartis Site Parsonage Road Horsham West Sussex RH12 5AA |
| Proposal: | Residential development comprising approximately 206 dwellings, including the conversion of 'Building 3' and demolition of 'Building 36'. Vehicular access taken from Wimblehurst Road. Car and cycle parking, landscaping and open space and associated works. The replacement of the existing cedar trees at the site. |
| Case Officer: | Jason Hawkes |

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Customer Details

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| Address: | 8 Wimblehurst Road Horsham |
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Comments Details

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| Commenter Type: | Member of the Public |
| Stance: | Customer objects to the Planning Application |
| Reasons for comment: | - Trees and Landscaping |
| Comments: | I object to the removal of the avenue of nine Blue Atlas Cedar trees lining the drive on this site for several reasons. Chopping them down would: 1. Increase noise and air pollution 2. Increase urban heat island effect |

3. Reduce carbon sequestration
4. Destroy crucial wildlife habitat (we know several species of protected birds and bats breed on site and roost in the trees)
5. Increase water consumption
6. Decrease desirability for prospective home buyers

In our warming climate, Atlas cedars are recognised as desirable species because they are drought and pest resistant and require little to no maintenance.

Replacement trees would take decades to provide any environmental benefit and are unlikely to ever match the cedars' scale and grandeur.

The council has a fantastic opportunity to create an unequalled flagship green space within Horsham that enhances urban living for families, connects residents with nature and promotes both mental wellbeing and biodiversity. Make nature part of the development's story whether it be webcams of nesting birds or bat boxes in the trees - I bet residents would be proud to know their new development achieves all this. And it would be great PR for the council.

Kind regards

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