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Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/25/1700
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 25/11/2025 4:01 PM.

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:	Lauriston House West End Lane Henfield
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Design- Highway Access and Parking- Loss of General Amenity- Other- Overdevelopment- Privacy Light and Noise- Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	I am a resident of West End Lane and would like to object to planning application DC/25/0519 for the proposed use of land at The Slips, Henfield for five static caravans and day rooms.

This area is part of the open countryside and outside the built-up boundary. It goes against the local development policies (CP1, CP5, and DC1) that are meant to protect our rural surroundings. Henfield has already made a big contribution with nine traveller pitches-way more than other villages of a similar size. There's no clear evidence that this extra development is actually needed here.

I'm also really worried about road safety. West End Lane is a narrow, single-track lane with no pavements and poor visibility. It can already be dangerous walking to and from the high street. More vehicles using it-especially larger ones-would make it more dangerous for everyone who walks, cycles or rides horses along it, which a lot of us do. This goes against DC40 and the NPPF guidance (para. 111).

The application doesn't give much detail on parking either. If there's not enough off-road space, cars could end up blocking the lane, which would make things worse for access and safety. On top of that, having five permanent units with day rooms would bring a big change to the area in terms of noise, activity, and light-a real contrast to the quiet, rural environment we have now. This doesn't sit well with DC9, which is there to protect the peace and character of our existing communities.

The visual impact matters too. Caravans and day rooms don't fit the look or feel of this part of Henfield, and this kind of layout would stand out in all the wrong ways-especially in a place with open fields and a low-density settlement pattern.

Finally, Henfield already has 10% of the district's required traveller sites, even though it only makes up 3% of the district's land. That's clearly unbalanced, and this proposal would just add to the pressure.

For all these reasons, I strongly believe this application should be refused. It would change the area in ways that go against the local plan, national policy, and what makes this part of Henfield special.

Kind regards

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