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Sent: 26 November 2025 17:19:10 UTC+00:00
To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
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 26/11/2025 5:19 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:	The Henfield Hall Coopers Way Henfield West Sussex
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Parish Council
Stance:	Customer made comments neither objecting to or supporting the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	Objection - All Agreed. This committee deems that this application is contrary to HDPF policies: - - 1 as it is not a strategic site in the Local Plan - 2 as it is not a nominated site in the Neighbourhood Plan - 3 as it is not within an existing built-up area - 4 as the site is not allocated in the Local Plan or Neighbourhood Plan, and does not adjoin an existing settlement edge - 19 as it is not a proposal for park homes or caravans to meet a

local housing need.

- 21 as this is not a strategic allocated Gipsy and Traveller site
- 23 as the site cannot be served by safe and convenient vehicular and pedestrian access; or cannot be supplied with essential services, such as water, power, sewage and drainage, and waste disposal; or provide adequate vehicle parking; or would have an unacceptable impact on the landscape
- 25 as does not protect, conserve or enhance the landscape or townscape character of the District; or as does not protect, conserve or enhance the setting of the South Downs National Park
- 31 as the application does not conserve or enhance the natural environment
- 33 as there is loss of amenity to the neighbouring property; or the design is not sensitive to surrounding buildings, as the proposal is out of keeping and unsympathetic with the built surroundings and in that it does not respect the character of the surrounding area.
- 33.2 as there is loss of amenity to the neighbouring property; or the design is not sensitive to surrounding buildings
- 33.4 in that it does not respect the character of the surrounding area and buildings.
- 34 as it does not preserve, and ensure clear legibility of, locally distinctive vernacular
 - building forms and their settings, features, fabric and materials;
- 39 as it does not demonstrate there being sufficient capacity in the existing infrastructure to meet their requirements; or as there is no assessment of the likely infrastructure requirement or its provision
- 40 as it does not maintain or improve the existing transport system; nor is located in an area where there is a choice of local transport; and there is no sustainable transport to the site.

This Committee would like to bring Council's attention to Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government - Planning policy for traveller sites (Updated 12 December 2024) which clearly states

The government's overarching aim is to ensure fair and equal treatment for travellers, in a way that facilitates the traditional and nomadic way of life of travellers while respecting the interests of the settled community.

Policy B

Local planning authorities should,

- d) relate the number of pitches or plots to the circumstances of the specific size and location of the site and the surrounding population's size and density
- e) protect local amenity and environment

Henfield Parish approximate size of 1,700 hectares makes up broadly 3% of the geographic area of Horsham District (at approximately 53,000 hectares)

In the last 4 years Henfield Parish has encompassed 9 new gypsy & traveller pitches namely - 2 pitches in Shoreham Road

(DC/21/0753), 5 pitches in Furners Lane (DC21/1796) and most recently 3 pitches in Stonepit Lane (DC/24/0367)

These 9 pitches together represent 10% of the stated 93 pitches required by the HDC Local Plan

Henfield is therefore

- Exceeding the target and reasonable allocation (at 10%) of HDC requirements

- Taken a significant overload of pitches comparably to the size of the Parish

- Obviously is exceeding the local need for pitches

Henfield population is also a fraction of the overall population of the whole of Horsham District.

The overriding need to provide gypsy and traveller pitches is not in question but the need to site them all in the Parish of Henfield is strongly challenged.

The government expectation is that these pitches to be in a broad geography number of locations to facilitate the traditional and nomadic way of life - not crammed into one small Parish

This Committee notes the large number of negative comments from neighbours. This Committee is unconvinced by either the Water Neutrality nor the Biodiversity Net Gain statements. This site has been a field for many years with occasional caravan or camping facilities for a few days a year.

Kind regards

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