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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/25/0403
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 13/04/2025 3:42 PM.

Application Summary

Address: Stonehouse Farm Handcross Road Plummers Plain West Sussex RH13 6NZ

Proposal: Full Planning Application to form a comprehensive masterplan including: 1. Rationalisation and enhancement of existing commercial facilities (Use Classes E(g) B2 and B8 at Stonehouse Business Park including demolition of two buildings and their replacement with new Class E(g), B2 and B8 facilities. Extension of existing building to form a new office and wardens' accommodation. Existing mobile home removed. 2. Decommissioning of the Anaerobic Digester and re-use of the existing 2no buildings for storage and office uses (Class E (g) and B8) and the diversion of a public footpath. 3. Residential redevelopment of the Jacksons Farm site including the demolition of existing barns to provide 3no. dwellings with access, parking, and landscaping.

Case Officer: Amanda Wilkes

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Customer Details

Address: Hammer Hill House Plummers Plain, Horsham

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Reasons for comment: - Trees and Landscaping

Comments: I support the application to build three detached houses at the Jackson's Farm site on Hammerpond Road.

Whilst some of the change-of-use requests, from agricultural buildings to industrial / office use are similar to planning applications my wife and I have objected to in the past, I am taking into account a number of changes in circumstance between where things stand today and how they were during the tenure of the prior owner of Stonehouse Farm. Not least, I am happy to have come to an arrangement with the current owner that I will buy a parcel of land from him, as will two other parties, should this application be approved.

In light of this, I also support the further development of the yard and buildings along the Handcross Road (B2110), described in the plan as a business park. I note the developers commitment to minimise noise and light pollution and to maximise evergreen screening and to generally make the site look smarter.

Given the overall plan for the site, I do not object either to the conversion of the 465 sqm Anaerobic Digester Building and the 826 sqm "Dairy Livestock Building", permitted by the Council under DC/14/0729 and DC/15/1831 to rural offices and storage facilities for an aerospace company. This parcel of land is within the Mannings Heath Open Ridge and Valley Farmlands Landscape Character Area. To minimise the negative effect these two buildings currently have on the valley's undulating rural landscape, I trust the Council will insist on the transportation routes, parking, planting and other landscaping, which the developer proposes and illustrates in the 3d render documents and the transport statements submitted as part of this application, will indeed be completed within a reasonable timeframe of 3-5 years.

As part of permissions for the various changes of use, I urge the Council to impose the following enforceable conditions to safeguard amenity for local residents:

- Minimal HGV movements limited to occasional deliveries only.
- Permissions to exclude the site from being used as HGV operating centre(s).
- No noisy leisure or industrial activities.
- No light intrusion from security lights etc. into surrounding gardens, fields and woodland.
- Any permissive footpaths to be located a minimum of 5 metres away from neighbouring boundary lines and screened by shrubs and trees.

Kind regards

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