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Sent: 23 December 2025 22:04:39 UTC+00:00
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 23/12/2025 10:04 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Former Novartis Site Parsonage Road Horsham West Sussex RH12 5AA
Proposal:	Residential development comprising 206 dwellings and a commercial unit, including the part-demolition and 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 (amended proposal)
Case Officer:	Jason Hawkes

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Customer Details

Address:	20 wimblehurst Road horsham
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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">- Design- Highway Access and Parking- Loss of General Amenity- Other- Overdevelopment- Trees and Landscaping

Comments:

I object to this amendment.

The developers must have known that this building would ultimately need either a very expensive remodelling or demolition since the inspections in 2018.

Not only are they now electing to demolish the wings of the Art Deco Building, but the removal of the Cedar Tree Lined Drive, is a much too far.

Demolishing the wings also puts the Clock Tower at high risk.

This Heritage Building, which maybe rebuilt to a good standard, raises so any questions going back to the original applications. It puts to question many issues, including access.

Historically this site did not encourage employee traffic entry access from Wimblehurst Road.

The beautiful Cedar lined drive was the entry for Business Visitors to the site.

These trees were TPO'd specifically to protect this Beautifully Landscaped Drive towards the important locally listed Clock Tower.

Employee parking was to the rear and accessed from ~Parsonage Road. Later parking was extended to the Sports and Social Centre, which is now on the Braby Drive site.

Reports show that the Wings of the locally listed building should be demolished.

Report also state the Clock Tower will be saved.

Reports also state that here is unground flooding which cannot be investigated fully until the wings are demolished.

If the Clock Tower is also compromised due to these investigations, I cannot see how this application can go forward.

We could be left with:

No Heritage Buildings.

Destruction of specific TPO'd Trees within the Heritage Statement.
Access which was never intended.

To add is the ever increasing burden on local roads, schools, surgeries and all local amenities.

This is so far removed from the original application from 'Enterprise Park'.

It is now just a proposal for an overdeveloped housing estate.

Kind regards

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