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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DISC/25/0157
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Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 09/06/2025 11:07 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Duckmoor Farm Wooddale Lane Billingshurst West Sussex RH14 9DZ
Proposal:	Approval of details reserved by condition 5 (Construction Environmental Management Plan) to approved appliation DC/20/2607 (83 residential units, landscaping, access, parking and associated infrastructure)
Case Officer:	Matthew Porter

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Customer Details

Address:	29 Dadswell Drive Billingshurst

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Highway Access and Parking
Comments:	Dear Sir/Madam, I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposed use of Dadswell Drive as the main access route for construction vehicles, machinery, and deliveries in connection with the planned development at the end of our road. As referenced in the applicants Construction Environmental Management Plan under

section 11 where the erection of site boundary hoarding is discussed "sited next to the entrance (likely option 2)" i.e. Dadswell Drive.

Dadswell Drive is a narrow residential cul-de-sac, not designed for heavy traffic or industrial-scale use. It is simply not appropriate for the level of construction activity proposed. Large vehicles cannot safely navigate the tight turns at the end of the road without mounting kerbs or encroaching onto pavements, which risks damaging infrastructure and endangering pedestrians.

This is a residential street where people live, walk, and park. There is no space to accommodate the volume or type of traffic associated with a major building project.

There is another route nearby that is wider, more open, and better suited to handling large vehicles and construction traffic- denoted as option 1 (Wooddale Lane) on the CEMP. This alternative has previously been used for site access and appears to offer a more practical solution, especially with minor traffic management in place. It is unclear why this route has not been prioritised instead of forcing heavy traffic through a constrained residential area.

It is also troubling that the decision to use Dadswell Drive may have been made without a proper on-site assessment of the road's physical constraints. A paper-based approval cannot substitute for real-world inspection, especially when the safety and wellbeing of residents are at stake.

I believe there are reasonable grounds to challenge the use of Dadswell Drive for construction access, including:
- The negative impact on residential amenity, including noise, traffic, pollution, and safety hazards.
- The unsuitability of the road layout and dimensions for regular heavy goods vehicle access.
- The risk of damage to infrastructure and property, with unclear responsibility for repair.
- Potential conflicts with private road use or restrictions, which may limit or prohibit non-residential access.

In conclusion, Dadswell Drive is not a suitable route for construction access, and forcing this volume and type of traffic through a narrow cul-de-sac is unreasonable and potentially unsafe. I strongly urge planners to reject this access route and require the applicant to use the more appropriate alternative that avoids disrupting and damaging a residential community i.e. Wooddale Lane.

Thank you for taking my concerns into account.

Yours sincerely,
Michael Scully

Kind regards

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