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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0122
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 12/03/2026 4:16 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Windacres Farm Church Street Rudgwick West Sussex RH12 3EG
Proposal:	Removal of Condition 2 of previously approved application DC/20/0549 (Retrospective application for the retention of a lean-to agricultural storage building) which restricts use of building to agricultural purposes only.
Case Officer:	Sam Nye

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Customer Details

Address:	7 Windacres Farm Lane Rudgwick Horsham
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Highway Access and Parking - Loss of General Amenity - Overdevelopment - Privacy Light and Noise
Comments:	I wish to formally appeal against the decision to remove the planning restriction that limits the use of the barn at Windacres Farm to agricultural purposes.

The original condition restricting the barn to agricultural use was imposed to protect the rural character of the area and to ensure that agricultural buildings remain available to support farming activities in the countryside. Removing this restriction undermines those objectives.

Firstly, the barn forms part of an agricultural setting and its continued use for agriculture is important in maintaining the rural function of the site. Allowing conversion to residential or commercial use would gradually erode the agricultural character of the area and set an undesirable precedent for similar buildings nearby.

Secondly, there has not been sufficient evidence provided to demonstrate that the building is genuinely redundant for agricultural purposes. Agricultural needs can change over time, and retaining the restriction ensures that the building remains available for future farming use.

Thirdly, conversion to residential or commercial use may introduce additional impacts such as increased traffic, domestic activity, noise, and lighting that are not typical of agricultural operations and could harm the surrounding countryside and neighbouring land uses.

The restriction was originally imposed as a necessary planning control, and the reasons for that control remain valid. Removing it risks incremental change that could fundamentally alter the character and function of the rural area.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the decision be reconsidered and that the agricultural-use restriction on the barn be retained.

Kind regards

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