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Sent: 17 March 2024 10:35
To: Planning
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/24/0120

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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 17/03/2024 10:34 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	Roffey Football Club Bartholomew Way Horsham West Sussex RH12 5JL
Proposal:	Erection of observation tower
Case Officer:	Shazia Penne

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Customer Details

Address:	35 Shottermill Horsham

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design - Loss of General Amenity - Overdevelopment
Comments:	The Council sign at the entrance to the field states ..."the area is provided for public recreation and enjoyment".... The piecemeal development of the field by the club in recent years, including the perimeter railing, has deterred residents and others from using the field and surrounding public footpath for legitimate leisure purposes. This is detrimental to the health and well-being of local people. The structure represents another discriminatory measure against members of the community of all ages and abilities. It blocks the path and is an obstacle to anybody exercising around the field. The alternative woodland paths, created after the removal of trees, are hazardous due to the many tree stumps that remain on the paths and result in significant trip hazards. People should not be forced onto hazardous, secluded and undesignated paths.

I understand the structure was erected without planning permission. I agree with other comments that this is history repeating itself. The impression is that the club ignores planning regulations and deals with the consequences after. The Council should do a lot more to protect the interests of residents.

The timber structure is an eyesore and represents a further erosion of the status of this public open space as a shared amenity to be enjoyed by all members of the community. For these reasons I object to the application.

Kind regards