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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/24/0608
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 15/08/2024 7:45 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	Lock House Lock Partridge Green West Sussex RH13 8EG
Proposal:	Conversion of existing dwelling into 5No. dwellings, replacement of existing garage and flat with 1No. dwelling, and erection of 7No. dwellings as enabling development (Full Application)
Case Officer:	Stephanie Bryant

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Customer Details

Address:	Old Lock House Lock Lane Partridge Green

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design - Highway Access and Parking - Loss of General Amenity - Overdevelopment
Comments:	Proposed Development at Lock House. We would like to object to this possible development (DC/24/0608 & 0609). The hamlet of 'Lock' is a unique historic community of 17 homes on one of the district's old farming estates. This proposed development is a mile from a road and the village

of Partridge Green, on a small bridle way and appears to be a large urban-style development including seven, 3 storey town houses in a very rural location. The scale and type of development is not sympathetic to its countryside setting and the close proximity of the Grade two listed Lock House and Grade two listed Grants Farmhouse.
The use of an enabling application to allow this type of proposal, which is contrary to Planning Policy in the NPPF, the Local Horsham Plan and village Neighbourhood Plan, does not seem to fit the criteria from Historic England.
Lock House is not on the Historic England 'Buildings at Risk Register'. It is not falling down and is being marketed for sale as a fine country house.
The proposed enabling works appear more designed for marketing, selling and profitability, rather than preserving it. For example: the proposed improvements to driveway, central heating, insulation and windows must surely be part of normal maintenance and care and not enabling development against policy.
We are also concerned that ancient woodland has been damaged recently and in particular, part of the Bluebell woods at Grants Copse to facilitate development.
If this application is approved it will set a dangerous precedent for other developments in the countryside and severely weaken the Local and Neighbourhood Plan, which protects the community from inappropriate, unsustainable development in the countryside.

Kind regards