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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0530
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 09/06/2026 9:45 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land at Hornbrook Farm Brighton Road West Sussex
Proposal:	Outline planning application for up to 180 dwellings, open space and associated works and infrastructure with all matters reserved apart from access.
Case Officer:	Nicola Pettifer

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Customer Details

Address:	Old BYre, Hornbrook Farm Brighton Road Horsham
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design - Overdevelopment - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	Following further research, I would like to raise further objections to the Outline Planning Application for Hornbrook Farm, Horsham for a lack of wildlife corridor and potential impact on sewage river pollution. In 2010, the UK Government commissioned the "Making Space for Nature" report, which outlined the importance of improving

connectivity between natural spaces being crucial for the survival of many species. The report concluded that we need more, bigger, better and more joined up sites to create a sustainable, resilient and more effective ecological network for England. This is the theory behind the creation of "Weald to Waves", to support nature recovery through improving habitat quality and connectivity, resulting in a corridor stretching 100 miles, from the Ashdown Forest in the High Weald, following the Arun, Adur and Ouse rivers to the sea at Climping, Shoreham and Newhaven. This corridor already has numerous landowners along the route supporting the initiative. Their map shows that the corridor partially crosses the Hornbrook Farm fields. Unfortunately, the AONB land on the far side of Doomsday Lane has extensive deer proof fencing. As a resident, I am very aware that wild deer frequent the fields almost daily - numerous photographs confirm this - and they currently enjoy free movement through Hornbrook Farm fields, both north east and south west, as they always have. Deer tracks and hoof prints are clearly visible crossing the site from Doomsday Lane / Hammerpond Road to Hornbrook Farm diagonally across to the south western corner near to the official Horsham Riverside Walk / A281 Road crossing. Wild Deer activity seems to have been strangely omitted from the developers site surveys.

The proposed housing development did initially feature a wildlife green corridor, however, this is not evident on the latest plan. Presumably a victim of squeezing even more dwellings onto the site. A "riverside walk" is now proposed that does not connect outside of the site boundary, which seems incongruous and a totally ineffective alternative to a true green corridor. Half way along this walk is a planned children's play area. This combination is surely far too intimidating for stress free deer movements and would result in a significant blocker to the spirit of the "Weald to Waves" initiative.

Frequently, we hear reports of raw sewage being allowed to pollute the River Arun at Mannings Heath. Our own MP John Milne is demanding tougher action from the government over ongoing river pollution. As yet, the new sewer laid from Mannings Heath through Chesworth Farm has not contributed in preventing this, and is only designed as a solution through to 2030. Clearly the south eastern side of Horsham has sewage handling shortcomings and no connectivity to the new sewer is evident. As no main drainage currently exists at Hornbrook Farm or the retail area of Hilliers GC and Camping World, it has not been made clear how main drainage would be handled for the proposed 180 new dwellings. Without clarification, it seems that the new development would just exacerbate the current sewage problem. Current figures (top-of-the-poops.org) indicate that at Mannings Heath, raw sewage has polluted the river 1,306 hours so far this year! At Kerves Lane, raw sewage has polluted the river over 80 hours so far this year (at May 2026). This data surely confirms, that along with other stated reasons, such as poor road and

pavement infrastructure and no wildlife corridor - the proposed housing development is just not feasible, practical or sensible at this location to be a benefit to the town of Horsham.

Kind regards

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