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To: Planning
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0919
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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 21/08/2026 8:53 AM from [REDACTED].

Application Summary

Address:	Slinfold Cricket Club Wicket Gardens Slinfold West Sussex RH13 0BP
Proposal:	Erection of a cricket score hut / storage shed. (Retrospective).
Case Officer:	Lucy Green

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	Windalls The Street Slinfold

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Consultee
Stance:	Customer made comments neither objecting to or supporting the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design - Other - Overdevelopment
Comments:	I am the owner of Windalls, which adjoins the application site. I have no objection in principle to a shed continuing in this location, I accept one has stood here for many years. My comments are limited to factual matters I don't believe the application addresses. 1. Scale: the application describes the new structure as a "modest increase" on the former shed (application para 3.6; heritage statement para 6.1.3). On the applicant's own figures the floor area has increased from 10.08 sqm (4.2m x 2.4m) to 16.1 sqm (7m x 2.3m), an increase of around 60%, not a like-for-like replacement. 2. Groundworks, wall condition and foundations: the application confirms a concrete base

has been poured (para 1.10-1.11) immediately adjacent to the boundary wall between the site and Windalls, at the southern end of that wall. The application describes the shed as being dismantled "to make way for" this concrete base, and refers throughout to "the new concrete base," which suggests the previous shed did not stand on an equivalent poured foundation, and that the current works therefore represent a materially greater degree of ground excavation and disturbance at this location than has previously occurred, notwithstanding the description of the works as a straightforward replacement.

An independent condition survey of the wall, carried out by chartered surveyors in March 2023, was provided to me as part of my due diligence when I purchased Windalls in August 2025. It recorded "minor movement cracking at low level" at this southern section, noting it had previously been repointed, and identified the wall generally as built off shallow, lime mortar foundations of a type susceptible to further movement. Since early summer 2026 I have been carrying out planned repair, rebuilding and repointing works to sections of this wall, work identified as necessary from the 2023 survey and arranged following my purchase, independent of and unrelated to the cricket club's shed.

The shed's construction and concrete base have nonetheless proceeded immediately adjacent to a wall with this documented condition, without, as far as the application and heritage statement show, any assessment of the wall's condition, any structural survey, or any contact with me as the adjoining owner. No notice appears to have been served on me under the Party Wall etc. Act 1996, which would ordinarily be expected for excavation this close to a neighbouring structure, and which reinforces the absence of any assessment of the wall prior to construction. I would ask that the applicant be required to confirm what account, if any, was taken of the wall's condition when siting and constructing the shed, and to provide a structural assessment confirming the works have not affected this section of wall.

3. Heritage statement scope: the heritage statement assesses impact on Forge House (individually, as a listed building) and on the Slinfold Conservation Area (collectively, in general terms) but does not identify or assess Windalls specifically, despite Windalls forming part of the Conservation Area in the same way as Forge House and Forge Cottage (all three front The Street and back onto the cricket ground along the same boundary wall, application para 2.5), and despite Windalls appearing directly adjacent to the application site in the heritage statement's own photographs (Figures 6 and 7). Windalls' contribution to the character of the Conservation Area, and the impact of the works on its setting and on the shared boundary wall, has not been assessed.

I would ask that, before determination, the applicant is required to provide a structural assessment confirming the groundworks have not compromised the stability of the adjoining wall, and clarification of the actual distance between the new foundations and the wall.

Where did you
hear about this
application?

Posted Letter from Local Authority

Kind regards

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