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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0472
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 11/04/2026 11:19 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land North of Eastlands Lane Cowfold West Sussex
Proposal:	Erection of 9no. dwellings with associated car parking spaces, detached carports, garages and landscaping.
Case Officer:	Tamara Dale

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Customer Details

Address: 2 stonepits cottages, Eastlands Lane Cowfold

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Highway Access and Parking - Loss of General Amenity - Other - Overdevelopment - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	I am concerned about the effect this proposed development will have on a Grade 2 listed building(1381153),Clerks/Eastlands. This building, was surveyed by a respected architectural historian some years ago, Dr AF Hughes commented that "Eastlands (Clerks) is unique". Dr Hughes stated that previous proposed development (in 2019) "

would impinge on both the setting and the sight-lines of the listed building".

The semi ancient woodland adjacent to the proposed site, is also of great importance. In 2019 she stated that any development should not impinge upon this important woodland and the setting of the listed building.

Eastland wood is protected as semi-ancient woodland and at present the fields act as an important wild life corridor connecting to other areas of woodland to the east and beyond. If this proposed development is allowed to proceed this will be lost. In addition to the woodland, the oak trees along the lane are protected by tree preservation orders. Any development to the lane would undoubtedly cause damage to the trees.

The building of 9 large houses will significantly increase the volume of traffic along the lane. The lane is used by a lot of people living in the village as an valued walking route, with dogs and children in pushchairs. An increase in traffic will cause safety issues. The rural nature of the lane will be ruined.

Currently, the lane is not wide enough for two cars to pass, especially at the entrance to Eastlands Lane with the A 281. There are already restrictions to visibility due to parked cars on the main road. The increase in traffic will compound this issue.

The Cowfold Neighbourhood Plan rejected proposed development to Eastlands Lane and designated it as a 'quiet lane' for the benefit of Cowfold residents. The Plan was voted on and accepted by the people in the village. A lot of time and energy went into developing this plan and the subsequent referendum result should be respected.

I strongly object to this application.

Kind regards

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