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Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0530
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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 14/06/2026 10:24 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:	20 Ghyll Crescent Horsham
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Other - Overdevelopment - Privacy Light and Noise - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	Planning Objection - Proposed Development I wish to formally object to the proposed development on the following grounds.

1. Traffic Congestion and Highway Impact

The road network in and around Horsham is already under significant pressure, particularly during peak morning periods. Traffic travelling through Horsham town is frequently backed up along Brighton Road as far as Hillier Garden Centre. Residents already experience lengthy delays, increased journey times, and congestion on local roads.

The addition of further housing and associated vehicle movements will inevitably worsen an already unacceptable situation. The existing infrastructure is struggling to cope with current demand, and there is little evidence that the road network has sufficient capacity to accommodate the increase in traffic generated by this development.

2. Pressure on Local Services and Infrastructure

Horsham and the surrounding area are already experiencing significant pressure on public services. Local GP surgeries, schools, and dental practices are heavily oversubscribed, making it increasingly difficult for existing residents to access essential services.

Approving further large-scale development without first ensuring adequate infrastructure and service provision will place an unsustainable burden on the community and further reduce the quality of life for current residents.

3. Impact on Wildlife and Biodiversity

The area supports a range of important wildlife species and habitats which could be adversely affected by the proposed development. Local residents have observed species including kingfishers along the river corridor, as well as great crested newts and river limpets.

Development activities, habitat loss, increased human disturbance, pollution, and changes to water quality could have a significant detrimental effect on these species and the wider ecosystem. Biodiversity should be protected and enhanced, not placed at risk by inappropriate development.

4. Air Quality, Dust and Public Health

The construction phase will generate substantial levels of dust and airborne particulate matter. Construction dust can contain respirable crystalline silica, which is recognised as a serious health hazard and is associated with lung disease and an increased risk of cancer following prolonged exposure.

The impact of dust and air pollution on nearby residents,

particularly vulnerable groups such as children, the elderly, and those with existing respiratory conditions, must be carefully considered. Airborne dust can also affect local wildlife, vegetation, and watercourses.

5. Failure to Prioritise Existing Communities

There is a growing concern among local residents that continued development is being prioritised over the wellbeing of existing communities. The cumulative impact of additional housing on roads, public services, air quality, and the natural environment appears to have been underestimated.

Planning decisions should balance economic growth with the needs of residents and environmental protection. In this case, the negative impacts on infrastructure, public health, and biodiversity outweigh any perceived benefits of the proposal.

Conclusion

For the reasons outlined above, I strongly object to this application and request that Horsham District Council refuses planning permission. The proposal would place unacceptable pressure on an already overstretched area, increase traffic congestion, harm wildlife and biodiversity, and adversely affect the health and wellbeing of local residents.

Kind regards

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