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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 08/05/2026 9:41 AM.

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:	2 Dickins Way Horsham
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design - Highway Access and Parking - Overdevelopment
Comments:	I am writing to object to this application as a local resident. My primary concern is that the development does not demonstrate safe, practical and genuinely sustainable pedestrian access to Horsham town and local facilities. The proposed pedestrian route relies on residents crossing a busy

main road, walking alongside it, and then crossing again to access the twitten route towards the town and primary school. In practice, this creates an indirect and inconvenient route which is unlikely to be attractive or feel safe for everyday use, particularly for children and vulnerable users.

The crossing near the twitten is already perceived locally as unsafe, and I would not feel comfortable allowing a child to use this route independently on a daily basis. This is especially concerning given that this would form a key route to the primary (and secondary) schools.

The alternative, more direct route is via Doomsday Lane, which is a narrow banked road used as a rat run and currently has no pavement or safe pedestrian provision. In its current form, this route is clearly unsuitable and unsafe for pedestrians.

However, it appears that a safer and more practical pedestrian connection via Doomsday Lane could potentially be achieved through more substantial civil engineering and infrastructure works. Instead, the current proposals appear to rely on a more limited crossing-based solution.

This raises concern that the scheme has prioritised a lower-cost infrastructure solution rather than delivering the safest and most practical long-term pedestrian access arrangement in line with the principles of sustainable development and good planning practice.

As a result, I do not believe residents would choose to walk these routes in everyday life. Parents are unlikely to allow children to walk independently, and many residents would instead rely on cars for journeys into town, schools and local services.

This fundamentally undermines the sustainability credentials of the development. The application therefore fails to convincingly demonstrate that the site would operate as a genuinely walkable and sustainable extension to Horsham.

I am also concerned that the scale of development now being proposed appears significantly more intensive than the level originally associated with the site through the Local Plan process. The site was previously identified for around 100 homes, whereas the current proposal appears substantially larger despite the acknowledged access and infrastructure constraints affecting the site.

Increasing the scale of development without adequately resolving the pedestrian connectivity and safety issues only places further pressure on local roads and infrastructure.

Given the ongoing review and re-examination of the Horsham Local Plan, I also believe it is premature to approve a scheme of

this scale before strategic decisions regarding housing distribution and site suitability have been fully resolved through the plan-led process.

For these reasons, I respectfully object to the application.

Kind regards

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