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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0366
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 24/03/2026 7:37 PM.

Application Summary

Address: Land North West of Southwater

Proposal: Outline planning application, with all matters reserved (except for primary access to the highway) for a phased development comprising: the demolition of existing buildings and the construction of residential dwellings (including affordable housing) (Use Classes C2 and C3); a mixed-use neighbourhood centre (Use Classes E and F); education facilities (Use Class F1(a)); business and employment floorspace (Use Classes B2, B8 and E(g)); redevelopment of existing agricultural buildings including construction of a building for community use (Use Classes E and F2); improvements to public rights of way; sports pitches; gypsy and traveller pitches/plots; public open space; landscaping, and associated infrastructure.

Case Officer: Matthew Porter

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Customer Details

Address: 16 Dover Close Southwater Horsham

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:
- Other
- Overdevelopment

Comments:

We do not have the infrastructure in Southwater or Horsham to accommodate anymore development. It's not enough to say they will add a few local shops, all NHS services locally are at breaking point already. Doctors, dentists, ambulance service, hospitals, we already have to travel 30 mins plus to get to A&E, then the waiting times are horrific. If those services can't support those that live in the area already, what will adding more houses with all those people/families do? We'll be in crisis, we need a main hospital with all the usual outpatient services and an A&E before we need more houses. Schools in Horsham are oversubscribed, some children in our village already have to bus out the area for a secondary school places, some as far as Burgess Hill, that's ridiculous. Water, I know water neutrality is no longer a consideration, but just because the rules change doesn't mean the issue has gone away. We will run the serious risk of people not having enough water in the warmer weather and considering what we pay Southern water would be completely unacceptable. I, like many others came to live in Southwater for the beautiful countryside that surrounds it, not be surrounded by more and more houses. Make towns bigger if you must, not villages, but only after all infrastructure and service shortages are addressed.

Kind regards

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