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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/25/1901
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 16/12/2025 5:07 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Hillybarn Farmhouse The Mount Ifield RH11 0LF
Proposal:	Creation of a two pitch settled gypsy accommodation site.
Case Officer:	Daniel Holmes

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Customer Details

Address:	The Granary Ifield Wood Ifield Crawley West Sussex
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design - Highway Access and Parking - Loss of General Amenity - Other - Overdevelopment - Privacy Light and Noise - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	- The site sits; within Crawley / Horsham Strategic Gap, Close to Greenbelt, Close to the designated Ifieldwood Conservation area - Crawley's Greenbelt albeit within Horsham District boundaries. A corridor for wildlife should be a priority considering proposed local developments

- There is Inadequate road access. Single track unmaintained slopping lane. Often wet never gritted
 - No local Bus Service for the area
 - Dangerous blind junction from Ifieldwood onto Hillybarn Lane. Numerous accidents have occurred here.
 - No pavements or streetlighting make this an unsustainable location.
 - The extra traffic and the frequent burning of mixed rubbish including plastics, has already caused an increase of pollution
 - Local amenities are over 2 miles away. Public Footpaths barely usable
 - Ad-hoc development in countryside setting. Difficult to control future growth
 - Greater strain on services. Already have regular Electricity outages.
 - Concern of Sewage disposal and runoff particularly when heavy rain
 - Concern over flood water run off from lane and fields. Ifieldwood lane often floods
 - Proposed development will/has already disturbed abundant wildlife in the area. (Ifield Village and surrounding area preservation society logged over 400 species in area. No Bat or other surveys done to gauge disturbance to wildlife.
 - Dramatic impact on the local environment adding more carbon to already high level
 - Sits under the Gatwick Flightpath. Poor air quality. Will increase with new runway
 - Proposed development is of poor Architectural merit. Does not fit local vernacular
 - Site is surrounded by mature trees and hedging including Oaks and Beech trees. These risk damage and effects from mixed rubbish being burnt underneath them, as is often currently the case. There may have already been damage to some of the tree roots as buildings have been erected below them.
 - The lane is a fine example of an established Sussex lane flanked by grazing land. The proposed development has already bulldozed the hedgerow and changed the appearance of the site, and set precedence for more of same ad-hoc mismanagement of the land
 - The illegally occupied site sits on a higher elevation than those properties below and thus sound will be more noticeable and disturbing to those residents
 - The lane and surrounding footpaths are frequently enjoyed for their scenic natural beauty by many for recreational purposes, ramblers, cyclists, horse riders, carriages, runners
 - The site would socially disadvantage those who cannot drive or are with reduced mobility
 - The identification of new Brownfield sites closer to amenities and schooling and more suited to community
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integration would surely be better than this proposed site.

Kind regards

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