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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0041
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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 28/01/2026 1:27 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Spring Acres West End Lane Henfield West Sussex
Proposal:	Permission in Principle for the erection of up to 9no. self-build dwellings.
Case Officer:	Hannah Darley

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Customer Details

Address:	Partwick West End Lane Henfield
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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
Comments:	I OBJECT to this application as it goes against many relevant policies of both the Horsham District Planning Framework and Henfield Neighbourhood Plan. 1. Location The site falls outside of the Henfield built up area boundary. The site is not identified in the Henfield Local Plan as one that

was put forward for development, due to it's rural location and it's dreadful dead end lane access.

The proposal will cause an increase in car flow down West End Lane. Policy 26 states that development should not cause increased vehicle activity in the countryside. West End lane is very poorly lit, has no pavement, and is constantly used by walkers, cyclists and horse riders due to it's rural nature.

West End Lane is a dead end lane, with access only being possible from the east, via the very dangerous and congested turning off the High Street opposite the White hart pub. This proposal will add to the volume of traffic flowing through this dangerous pinch point.

The proposal will exacerbate flooding in this section of West End Lane. This becomes very dangerous when it freezes.

The proposed site is a haven for wildlife, with sightings of deer, badgers, rabbits, foxes, birds of prey and woodpeckers on a daily basis. This amenity will be lost.

The proposal does not accommodate an increase in electricity requirements, on a lane that already sees regular power cuts.

2. Use

The proposed site is a rural site, currently an undeveloped fallow field. Although it has a stables base (no stables were ever built), it is not correct that this signifies 'partial development'.

Policy 25 of the HDPF states that countryside character of a site should be protected. This proposal will completely change the character of the site, causing suburbanisation of the site, conflicting with policies 32 and 35 of the plan.

3. Amount

Of the plot, only a tiny % of the 0.49 ha site has hard standing on it - the stable base. Adding 5 to 9 dwellings will transform the rural nature of the area completely, rendering it a sub-urbanised one, and remove the amenity for the community as a whole.

The local infrastructure cannot cope with the proposed housing increase, with the school, medical centre and utilities already stretched to breaking point.

Kind regards

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