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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0041
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 28/01/2026 7:35 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:	Westlands West End Lane Henfield
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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
Comments:	I object to this application for Permission in Principle for up to 9 self-build dwellings. The site is a countryside location not allocated in either the Horsham District Local Plan or the Henfield Neighbourhood Plan. It is outside any built-up area boundary and represents

unplanned, sporadic development in open farmland, contrary to Policies 1, 2, 3, 4, 26 and 27 of the Horsham District Planning Framework.

Access to the site is poor. West End Lane is narrow, lacks mains drainage, and is heavily used by walkers, cyclists and horse riders. Vehicle passing is difficult at the best of times, and the additional traffic would be unsafe and harmful, contrary to Policy 23 and Policy 40. Access from the High Street is already constrained, and further traffic would exacerbate existing problems.

The development is unsustainable, being over 1.5 miles from the High Street, school and medical centre. The local school is already oversubscribed and the medical centre cannot cope with additional demand, with no infrastructure provision proposed to address this.

The proposal would urbanise a rural lane, harm the open character of the countryside, and negatively impact landscape, biodiversity and the Weald to Waves nature recovery corridor, contrary to Policies 10 and 25.

Finally, approving this application would set a dangerous precedent, opening the floodgates to further speculative development in the countryside outside the Local Plan, undermining the plan-led system.

For these reasons, the application should be refused.

Kind regards

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