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Weald House
Handford Way
Plummers Plain
Horsham
RH13 6PD

Ms. Hannah Darley
Case Officer
Planning Department
Horsham District Council

Sent by email 19 November 2026

Dear Ms. Darley

Planning Reference: DC/26/1639
Permission in Principle for the erection of one dwelling on the southern side of Handford Way and one replacement dwelling in the residential curtilage south of The Warren. Retention of Estate Management Building and a 150 sq.m extension, for commercial, business and service use within Use Class E(g).

I write to **OBJECT** to the planning application above.

I am totally in agreement with all the objections to the application submitted by my neighbour, [redacted], at Long House, Handford Way. I fully support and endorse the objections in his document and wish to make the following personal comments.

It has been noted that the shed in the woodland is being used for purposes other than originally permitted by Horsham Planners. The commercial traffic, including large trucks, servicing the Applicant's business operations causes noise and disruption to our quiet rural homes, and is incompatible with the narrow single-track lane that is Handford Way. We do not consider it is an appropriate use in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The proposed site for a new house on Handford Way was originally half of the woodland grounds owned by 'Foresters' prior to being split off by the Applicant. It is also located within the AONB. This woodland provides a rich habitat for all the very interesting resident wildlife and is unsuitable for development. Further house construction in this location would be disastrous. The noise generated by any kind of development would be extremely invasive and upsetting for all the residents.

Below is an extract from my objection letter (dated 8 June 2026) to the similar previous application which was refused in September 2026 :

Personal Notes

In [redacted] my husband and I fell in love with the location offered by [redacted] and purchased the site. We removed the minimum of trees to accommodate our house, and we moved in with 2 children in August [redacted] We loved, and still love, the peace and tranquillity of our garden and the surrounding woodland which has become host to innumerable wildlife which we have great joy in observing.

Bats

There is a large resident colony of 2 species of bat – Pipistrelle and I think, Noctule, which roost in our hanging tiles. On leaving their roosts at dusk they head straight for the woodland on the opposite side of Handford Way (which the application seeks approval to develop for housing) to feed on the numerous insects to be found there.

Reptiles

Lizards, grass snakes, Adders, and newts are all seen regularly in this location, where they are undisturbed by humans.

Birds

In addition to the usual garden birds, there are summer visitations of Firecrests, Siskins and Goldcrests, currently nesting here and feeding in the surrounding woodland. In autumn vast flocks of Redwings and Fieldfares visit from Scandinavia to feed on woodland berries: Rowan and Honeysuckle. We see and hear Tawny Owls nightly in the surrounding woods.

Mammals

Foxes, voles, squirrels, rabbits, mice and occasional hedgehogs are all resident in the surrounding woodland. [redacted]

The proposed detached house in the woodland surrounding The Warren would further erode and harm the natural woodland habitat and is inappropriate development within an AONB.

Yours sincerely

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