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Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0946
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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 20/07/2026 1:22 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Steyning Cricket Club Charlton Street Steyning West Sussex BN44 3LE
Proposal:	Demolition of the existing club house and changing building and the construction of a new single storey pavilion and part 1.5 storey changing facility with associated landscaping and storage areas
Case Officer:	Shazia Penne

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Customer Details

Address:	39 Penfold Way Steyning West Sussex
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	I am writing to offer my wholehearted support for the proposed new pavilion at Steyning Cricket Club. Cricket has been at the heart of village life in Steyning for centuries. It is one of the town's longest-standing sporting traditions and continues to play an important role in bringing people together, fostering community spirit and providing opportunities for people of all ages to enjoy sport. The club is a

real asset to Steyning, but unfortunately its current pavilion no longer reflects the importance of the club or the role it plays within the community.

The existing clubhouse is, quite simply, no longer fit for purpose. It is an ageing wooden shed that has served the club for many years, but it has reached the end of its useful life. It does not provide accessible facilities for people with disabilities, it cannot properly accommodate mixed-sex cricket, and it falls well short of the standards expected today for safeguarding young people. These are not simply desirable improvements-they are essential requirements for a modern community sports club.

The need for a new pavilion is made even more pressing by the remarkable growth the club has experienced in recent years. Senior playing numbers have increased by more than 30%, while the junior section has expanded significantly, with participation from both boys and girls continuing to grow year on year. This is exactly the sort of positive community success that should be encouraged and supported. The club has worked incredibly hard to become an inclusive, welcoming environment where young people can develop not only as cricketers but also as confident, active members of the community.

Sadly, the current facilities simply cannot keep pace with that success. They place unnecessary limitations on what the club can offer and create challenges for players, volunteers, coaches and visitors alike. When compared with other cricket clubs across Sussex, Steyning's facilities are now well below the standard that would reasonably be expected of a club of its size, reputation and ambition.

A new pavilion would not only provide modern, accessible changing facilities and appropriate spaces for men, women, boys and girls, but it would also secure the future of cricket in Steyning for generations to come. It would allow the club to continue growing, support increased participation, improve accessibility, strengthen safeguarding, and provide a welcoming environment for everyone who wants to be involved.

This proposal is an investment in the future of the community, not just the cricket club. It will benefit local families, schools, volunteers and the many hundreds of people who use the ground throughout the season. Given the club's long history, its importance within the town, and its outstanding contribution to community life, I believe it fully deserves facilities that match its aspirations and the needs of modern sport.

I strongly encourage the Council to support this application and help ensure that Steyning Cricket Club can continue to thrive for many years to come.

Kind regards

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