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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/1594
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 16/11/2026 11:20 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Horsham Y M C A Football Club Gorings Mead Horsham West Sussex RH13 5BP
Proposal:	Removal of Condition 3 of previously approved application DC/24/0048 (Change of use of the main car park the use of 50 spaces as private parking to local businesses for weekdays) for removal of temporary permission.
Case Officer:	Sophie Moore

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Customer Details

Address:	45, Gorings Mead Horsham

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Highway Access and Parking - Loss of General Amenity - Other
Comments:	There are some issues two years on from the retrospective planning application for this use. In the current updated application it is stated that "peak times" have been monitored. Also in the same application, it states there are "no peak times" due to the staggered work patterns of the local clients. These

comments seem to conflict.

First, I have not seen YM staff monitoring any traffic, and second, if in the applicant's view there are no peak times anyway, they cannot have been effectively checked. Are there records kept of the monitoring of traffic flow for officers to view?

In my own survey over the past two weeks, generally around 30 vehicles arrive before 9am. So I would suggest that there is a morning "peak". Of those 30, about 10 arrive between 7.30am and 8.15am. There is an observed peak leaving-time from about 4.30pm.

A major issue remains the speed with which clients approach the YM. Some are mindful that they are in a narrow residential cul-de-sac but I believe commuters tend to drive around 5-10 MPH faster than residents, as they are focused on reaching their goal of the end of the road and thence to their working day, or their homecoming in the evening, ahead.

Some of them seem to forget that they are sharing the road with pedestrians (including parents with children, elderly residents and owners with their dogs). Or any of these groups navigating the lack of safe pavement at the entrance bottleneck. Plus residents attempting to turn in or out of their own driveways in vehicles at the same time. An initiative mentioned two years ago, but not pursued I believe, by either side as yet, is to apply for a change of speed limit to 20 MPH from WSCC.

Another issue is the fuel pollution to residents that a "park and walk" facility brings. While I acknowledge that parking is a practical funding stream for the YM, the likely pollution from up to 50, mostly petrol/diesel driven, vehicles travelling in the road daily is another downside for residents until electric vehicles become the norm.

While the football traffic is not an issue to be covered in this application, I think it is worth highlighting that the two sets of users are not interchangeable (as WSCC Highways implied in 2024) as at least many football fans WALK to the club and back.

Since some liaising between residents and YM committee members in 2024, prompted by the original planning application, I don't believe there has been further attempts to reach out to residents as part of any traffic surveys or any initiative to involve any residents as a group.

I appreciate there have been several changes of ownership, management and individual personnel at the YM in that time, especially in the last few months and ongoing.

However, as part of the YM's commitment to the community,

starting with the one on its doorstep, it can only benefit all parties to offer a regular meeting or two and some clearly defined communication pathways.

This will support the sharing of information, and where necessary, some action in mitigation of the issues highlighted by residents or the YM management. Hopefully in 2027, with a new management and new voluntary chairman in place, some meetings could be initiated again.

Kind regards

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