ITCHINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

33 Smugglers Way
Barns Green
Near Horsham
West Sussex

15th October 2024

Development Control Committee – Area North
Horsham District Council
Park side,
Chart Way
Horsham
West Sussex

Dear Planning Officer

Following the Parish Council Meeting on 30th September 2024, this is to confirm that Itchingfield Parish Council would like to make the following representation to be put before Planning Committee (North).

DC/24/1042 – Sigma Homes Limited – Sumners Ponds Fishery and Campsite, Chapel Road, Barns Green (Sumners Field Development) – Application for consent to display an advertisement. 1 No. Flag advertising new homes. Advertisements to be in place from 20/07/24 to 15/12/25.
Itchingfield Parish Council has no objections, as long as the flags are not sited near to bridleways so as to not frighten horses.

DC/24/1043 – Sigma Homes Limited – Sumners Ponds Fishery and Campsite, Chapel Road, Barns Green (Sumners Field Development) – Application for consent to display an advertisement. Installation of non-illuminated flags and hoarding advertising new homes.
Itchingfield Parish Council has no objections to the hoardings but again the flags must not be sited near to bridleways so as to not frighten horses.

DC/22/2058 – Sarah Jane Knight, Richmond Farm Stables, Rye Farm Lane, Barns Green – Restropective Application for the erection of a lean-to-structure for use as a store only, ancillary to the approved mixed Use of the site comprising residential and the keeping of dogs. The structure requiring retrospective approval is still partly sited on the neighbouring property of Richmond House, therefore Itchingfield Parish Council continue to **object strongly** to the extant structure being allowed to remain.

DC/24/1290 -James, Greenacres Farm, West Chiltington Lane, Billingshurst – Change of use for 2no gypsy Residential units along with day room, full drainage, car parking, 2 metre high bund and soft and hard Landscaping.
Itchingfield Parish Council strongly recommends this planning application for **refusal** for the following reasons: The provision of two more pitches in essence to the existing Greenfield Farm site which already has 14 pitches, is contrary to the Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Show-people regulations 1994, which recommends that no more than 11 pitches are sited on any one development. To the rear of the proposed development as mentioned in the planning statement, there is already a site illegally occupied by another group of travellers. This site is also currentlybeing subject to further extensive development without any permissions being sought or given. This proposed (retrospective) application further coalesces development in this otherwise rural setting and exacerbates existing issues with integration between the established local community and travellers.

DC/24/1475 – Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, Mill Farm, Mill Lane, Itchingfield – Prior Permission under Permitted Development, change of use of building to form a single dwelling 9c3), 'Pole Barn'. Proposals include the Installation of windows, doors, a mezzanine floor and drainpipes/guttering and replacement cladding to walls and roof.
Itchingfield Parish Council has no objections to this planning application as long as the building referred to in this application must remain ancillary to the main house.

DC/24/0555 – Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Beer, Shelly's Farm, The Oak Barn, Valewood Lane, Barns Green – Change of use and erection of a link extension to allow the conversion of existing outbuilding into habitable living space. (Living, Lobby and TV room).

Itchingfield Parish Council has no objections to this planning application, but re-iterate that the structures must remain ancillary to the main house.

DC/24/1314 – Mr. Stephen Millar, 2 Jessamine Cottages, Two Mile Ash Road, Barns Green – Demolition of existing single storey rear extension and erection of a part two storey and part single storey rear extension.

Itchingfield Parish Council has no objections to this planning application providing the matter of car parking spaces is resolved.

DC/24/1302 – Kumar Mangala, Muntham Home Farm, Muntham Drive, Barns Green – Notice of intention to install Fixed Line Broadband apparatus.

Itchingfield Parish Council has no objections.

Kind regards

Alan Strudley
Chairman to Itchingfield Parish Council