

COLGATE PARISH COUNCIL CONSULTATION COMMENTS

TO:	Horsham District Council – Planning Dept
SITE ADDRESS:	Site Address: Durrants Village Faygate Lane Faygate West Sussex .
PROPOSAL:	Proposal: Amendment to legal agreement approved under reference: DC/08/0316 to remove the obligations in relation to library access, a community bus and a medical facility
REFERENCE:	S106/25/0007
RECOMMENDATION:	Object -If Horsham District Planning are mindful to approve the S106 amendment, Colgate Parish Council would request that the application is called into Planning Committee. -see page 2 for full comments below-

Colgate Parish Council objects to the proposed amendments to the S106 agreement.

As confirmed with HDC Planning Compliance, this development would not have been approved without these legal obligations to the residents of Faygate.

Community Bus

The offering of a three month trial which provided a pre-bookable taxi, was inadequate and poorly advertised (e.g. no letters). The trial did not cover all of "Faygate" as was limited to certain streets. A regular "community bus service" would be of great benefit to Faygate and Durrants residents. If the service had been offered as per legal agreement from the beginning, we are convinced that the uptake would be much higher.

A significant number of residents are unable to safely cross the A264 to access the Metro bus service (200 and 23); this has been regularly reported to the Parish Council. The provision of the community bus from the S106 agreement could have had a very positive impact on their lives. We feel that some form of regular transport would be of great benefit to Faygate Village. If residents of Faygate Village do not see the community transport it will not be obvious that it exists. It will take a while for it to bed in and so needs to be offered even if Durrants residents do not require it at that time.

Can Horsham District Council advise what the alternative would be to the community bus service if the amendment to the legal agreement is allowed?

How much would this service have cost to manage over the years and for future use? If a community bus service will not be provided will there be any recompense for the villagers of Faygate for the loss of this amenity that can put towards a controlled/improved crossing over the A264?

Library Access

The library (books, space and wifi) would have been a good way to integrate villagers from Durrants and Faygate, but the trial was inadequate and poorly advertised (e.g. no letters). It did not cover all of "Faygate" as was limited to certain streets. Discussions with Durrants Management/Residents and PC councillors concerning access to the library have been unhelpful, so it is understandable that the trial has not been very welcome/used.

Can Horsham District Council advise what the alternative would be to the library access if the amendment to the legal agreement is allowed? It is understood that Durrant's residents were concerned about the books that they had donated. I am sure this would be easy to mitigate.

If the library access will not be provided, will there be any recompense for the villagers of Faygate for the loss of this amenity? (The biggest issue in Faygate appears to be safe crossing of A264 – funding towards a controlled/improved crossing over the A264 would be of benefit to both Durrants and Faygate residents).

Medical Facility

We appreciate that a number of years ago this legal obligation proved difficult to fulfil.

Can Horsham District Council advise what the alternative would be to the medical facility if the amendment to the legal agreement is allowed?

How much would this facility have cost to manage over the years and for future use? If the medical facility will not be provided, will there be any recompense for the villagers of Faygate for the loss of this amenity? (See suggestion for finances towards A264 crossing above)

If Horsham District Planning are mindful to approve the S106 amendment, Colgate Parish Council would request that the application is called into Planning Committee.

NAME:	Colgate PC
DATE:	22/4/25