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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/25/1564
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 17/04/2026 4:40 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Pound Place Mill Lane Partridge Green West Sussex RH13 8JU
Proposal:	Demolition of existing barn/outbuilding and lean-to. Construction of a detached dwelling and new driveway.
Case Officer:	Bethan Tinning

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Customer Details

Address: Potters Field, Mill Lane Littleworth, Partridge Green Horsham

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Loss of General Amenity - Other - Overdevelopment - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	I object to the above planning application for new development; my objections are as follows: This application represents a material change from what was previously presented, and would increase the degree of built form, at this countryside-edge location and contributes to a step-change towards a more suburban character.

The site currently reads as part of the countryside edge, where mature trees and boundary vegetation provide rural character, wildlife habitat, and important screening between built form and open land. The proposed loss of established vegetation and associated domestication would weaken the soft transition between settlement and countryside.

This kind of piecemeal change is how the countryside edge is incrementally eroded, each application makes the next one easier, until the original character is entirely lost.

It is also concerning that tree loss is occurring in and around the site over time, with individual removals cumulatively adding up to a material change in character. Once mature screening is removed, the impacts are immediate, while any replacement planting, however well intentioned, cannot replicate the same landscape function for many years.

Some of the established trees on and adjacent to the site are long-standing features that underpin both the rural setting and local biodiversity. Their removal would be disproportionate in a countryside location and would also undermine the effectiveness of existing nature corridors used by bats and other nocturnal wildlife compounding harm from additional lighting and domestic activity.

Given the site context and nearby recording of existent biodiverse species, there is a credible risk of impact on protected species (including great crested newts and bats) and their habitats, particularly through vegetation loss, ground disturbance, and domestic lighting. This matters because the existing treed boundaries and darker rural conditions are part of what currently protects local wildlife and, critically, maintains the character of the area.

For the reasons set out above, I respectfully request that the Local Planning Authority refuses this application. In my view, the proposal goes beyond a modest conversion and would introduce a more intensive form of development that is out of keeping with this countryside setting. It would result in an irreversible weakening of mature tree cover and rural screening and would add to the incremental erosion of Littleworth hamlet's soft edge. In addition, given the protected-species sensitivities associated with this location, the residual risk of harm from vegetation loss, ground disturbance and domestic lighting remains significant. Taken together, these impacts would cause avoidable and lasting harm to fragile countryside character and biodiversity, and the application should therefore be refused.

Kind regards

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