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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0366
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 25/03/2026 4:20 PM.

Application Summary

Address: Land North West of Southwater

Proposal: Outline planning application, with all matters reserved (except for primary access to the highway) for a phased development comprising: the demolition of existing buildings and the construction of residential dwellings (including affordable housing) (Use Classes C2 and C3); a mixed-use neighbourhood centre (Use Classes E and F); education facilities (Use Class F1(a)); business and employment floorspace (Use Classes B2, B8 and E(g)); redevelopment of existing agricultural buildings including construction of a building for community use (Use Classes E and F2); improvements to public rights of way; sports pitches; gypsy and traveller pitches/plots; public open space; landscaping, and associated infrastructure.

Case Officer: Matthew Porter

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Customer Details

Address: 3 Welcome Place Southwater Horsham West Sussex

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

- Highway Access and Parking
- Loss of General Amenity

- Overdevelopment
- Trees and Landscaping

Comments:

I am a Southwater, Horsham resident and wish to object to the proposed development.
The green and pleasant land of Southwater is to be bulldozed and replaced with brick and concrete with total disregard to local residents' objections.
This proposed development will destroy the north west area of Southwater as a village and is completely out of keeping with the existing rural nature of the area and the character of the contiguous properties.
There are no plans to increase the supply of water which is already under pressure witness the problems when there was no supply.
The site has been described as comprising arable and pasture land, hedgerows and areas of woodland. Overall the site is rural in character, particularly to the West. At a time of concern for food supplies (over 40% of our food is imported) is this proposal the best use of farm land. There is also the issue of food miles.
The proposed development is outside the Southwater development plan and is not compliant with Horsham District council's Local Development Plan.
The proposal will place more pressure on the Worthing Rd and the access to Horsham Town. The road is in a very poor state riddled with pot holes and a poor surface. It is already extremely busy and this proposal will only add to that state of affairs and create more traffic jams.
Southwater has taken a lot of development and in the last 10 years alone has had over 1,000 new properties and, therefore, it is hard to argue further development is sustainable.

Kind regards

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