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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 26/03/2026 12:55 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: 83 centenary Road Southwater, Horsham

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
- Privacy Light and Noise

Comments:

Southern Water's ability to supply water not only to existing customers but also for the massive expansion in house building envisaged under the HDC Draft Local Plan and by the government in its totally unachievable quest to deliver 1.5 million homes is absolutely critical.

When Water Neutrality was in place, Southern Water provided input into an independent survey commissioned by HDC, Crawley and Chichester Councils on future water supply which showed that even with the Water Neutrality 85 L per person per day new home limit in place, going forward there would be an increasing supply versus demand shortfall. Now water neutrality has gone and HDC is requiring new build homes to meet a more generous target of 110 litres per person per day which will significantly increase demand over supply, particularly since as part of the deal to abandon water neutrality the water supply from the Hardham aquifer which supplies the district (and other districts) will be reduced by over 20% leaving yet more water to be found. And as Southern Water and HDC know, actual water usage in the district is well in excess of 130 L per person per day. Neither Southern Water nor HDC nor the Environment Agency have explained how the massive additional water demand will be Met. Future water supply for the district is a ticking time bomb and must be given critical examination at the resumed hearing of the HDC Draft Local Plan. Residents water bills have doubled. In addition the pressure on local schools and GP surgeries would increase. The A24 and traffic through the village would increase substantially adding to the pollution of air and noise.

Kind regards

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