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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0322
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Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 30/03/2026 12:53 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Steyning Grammar Upper School Shooting Field Steyning West Sussex BN44 3RX
Proposal:	Part-demolition of existing teaching buildings, MUGAs and all-weather pitch. Construction of replacement 2-storey and 3-storey teaching buildings, flood-lit all-weather pitch and hard surfaced sports courts, with associated access, parking, landscaping and infrastructure.
Case Officer:	Matthew Porter

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Customer Details

Address:	8 Rosemary Close, Steyning
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Loss of General Amenity
Comments:	Regular community users of the existing 2G astroturf (community asset) have not been consulted or considered for the future. The proposed replacement of the existing 2G astroturf to a 3G pitch will not be suitable for Hockey, Rugby, Tennis, Netball or Cricket, so will therefore just be a football pitch.

The proposed replacement of the existing all weather pitch (2G) to a 3G pitch will permanently effect the future of 4x Hockey Clubs (Southwick, Southdown, Steyning Old Boys & Farmers Hockey Clubs) as they will be losing their home pitch forever.

The proposed replacement of the existing all weather pitch (2G) to a 3G pitch will mean the forced permanent closure of Southwick Hockey Club which is almost 100 years old.

The removal of this Community resource will reduce local income including substantial rental fees paid to the Steyning Grammar School and the Cricket Club who host visiting hockey teams from the south east.

Its removal will restrict sporting choices for students at SGS as well as the community that use it. Possibly influencing parents decisions when choosing schools.

The 3G pitches have a shorter lifespan than a 2G pitch, require more maintenance and are environmentally more toxic due to the large amounts of micro-plastics.

There is no interim plan for when this community asset is removed.

Also Steyning Athletic Club have not been consulted - they have a lifetime contract with the school for use of areas around the 2G astroturf.

More thought should be given to sporting growth and development at grassroots level in semi rural locations such as Steyning. At this planning stage it would be ideal to promote physical health, mental health and wellbeing through ALL sports. There is the land, there is the need!

Kind regards

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