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To: Planning
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0954
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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 26/09/2026 4:28 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land South of Athelstan Way Horsham West Sussex
Proposal:	Residential development for 21no. 1, 2, 3 and 4 bedroom dwellings with associated parking, hard and soft landscaping at Land South of Athelstan Way, Horsham.
Case Officer:	Nicola Pettifer

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Customer Details

Address:	16 Athelstan Way Horsham
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design - Highway Access and Parking - Loss of General Amenity - Other - Overdevelopment - Privacy Light and Noise - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	I would like to object to the proposed plan to build 21 dwellings on the land known as The Triangle which is situated at the end of Athelstan Way, adjacent to a bridleway, Muggeridge field and Chesworth Farm. Chesworth Farm and surrounding area, including The Triangle and Muggeridge field, has Local Wildlife Site status. The Triangle had significant hedges and wildlife before the current owner removed them, notably before an assessment of the impact on wildlife could be carried out. Bats and Hazel dormice are significant species in this area. Also skylarks, white squirrels, barn owls, buzzards, and various other animals and birds. I enjoyed watching a Red Kite over the Triangle very recently. Deer can no longer access the Triangle as easily since the erection

of construction fences but are present along with foxes which have had to move their previous homes into Muggeridge Field since the destruction of hedgerows. Deer and foxes regularly wander up Athelstan Way in the evenings. Bats are a common site.

The area of countryside in this planning application is a valuable asset. It provides an important break to the urban sprawl of Horsham and as you enter the bridal way, the view is essential to the mental health of many users. The addition of 21 dwellings will impact people's right to this view.

During the winter the Triangle becomes extremely wet and floods at the bottom. [REDACTED] Athelstan way has had its garage flooded previously and Weald close has also suffered flooding. The building of 21 dwellings, roads, pavements etc will make this a much bigger issue. A couple of years ago, when the Triangle was still accessible, while walking near the top of the field I had full length Wellington boots completely stuck, within an inch of the top,, I would question the suitability of the ground for building. It gets very wet and muddy and the flood risk is a real concern.

Muggeridge Field has been turned down for planning permission on more than one occasion, notably in 2011 the height of the site was one of the main issues, privacy, light and noise would impact residents. The Triangle is a similar height and would impact on the residents of the area in the same way. The site of Muggeridge and the Triangle were ruled to remain outside the built up boundary to protect Horsham's rural edge in 1996. This should not change.

As Horsham grows, more areas of countryside are needed for residents to enjoy not less. Residents have the right to open spaces. Wildlife has the right to thrive.

Most households have more than one vehicle, the building of 21 dwellings will mean a lot more cars and this would impact parking in Athelstan Way. Noise and traffic would significantly increase.

It cannot be ignored that if this plan is allowed, it will be closely followed by an application for building on Muggeridge Field and the impact on the wildlife, residents, bridleway users, infrastructure, flooding, privacy and light etc will be significant.

We need countryside, we need wildlife, we need rural edges, we need unspoiled areas for our health and wellbeing. If allowed, the building of 21 dwellings on the Triangle will have a detrimental impact on residents due to flooding, devastation of wildlife, mental health issues, infrastructure issues, privacy, light and noise problems. All of which would be significant. Sites like the Triangle and Muggeridge Field should become part of Chesworth Farm and the wildlife, plant diversity and introduction and endangered species managed and increased, not devastated and undervalued. People need space as well as housing.

Kind regards

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