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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0954
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 27/09/2026 3:30 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:	29 CLARENCE ROAD HORSHAM
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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 - Other - Overdevelopment
Comments:	I object to the proposed development for several reasons. As someone who has been using the paths through this parcel of land for over 30 years on a regular basis, typically 3 times a week at present, I know the area well and am well placed to comment.
Sewage:	

The Mannings Heath water treatment works started overflowing sewage from its outfall into the Arun River on 8th January 2026 and pretty much continued to do so daily until 14th March 2026. See figures published by Southern water here

<https://riversandseaswatch.southernwater.co.uk/release-history/?Outfall=MANNINGS%20HEATH>

Essentially 2 ½ months' worth of excess sewage allowed to flow into the river that runs directly through the centre of Horsham. How can we allow further development and increase in Sewage on this side of Horsham until this problem has been resolved.

Height:

Great Horsham hill may only be around 70m in height, but it has a commanding aspect and vistas of both Horsham to the NW and to surrounding countryside to the SE. Any planned development will irrevocably impact and ruin the views from the hill and of course the view towards it.

Wildlife:

The development will directly impact the wildlife that uses this field. This parcel of land is essentially part of Muggeridge field that was formally part of Chesworth farm and has long been used by the wildlife on the farm.

Barn owls have been seen hunting over the field (they nest and raise young 800m from this area in Tip Field on the farm).

Skylarks have in recent years nested in Wheatrick field (this shares a hedgerow with Muggeridge) and have displayed and sung over the fields here.

Dormouse have recently been surveyed on Chesworth farm and noted to be using the Hedgerows running alongside Wheatrick field, the area adjacent to Muggeridge as stated above.

Leisure and community use in Horsham:

Essentially the area is for all intents and purposes part of the rather wonderful Chesworth farm. From the HDC website.

"The 90-acre (37-hectare) site is owned and managed by Horsham District Council (HDC) as a countryside site bordering the River Arun. From its many public footpaths and bridleways, you can enjoy its grassland, wet meadow and ancient hedgerows plus its access to countryside beyond.

It's a glorious place to explore to explore. Criss-crossed with footpaths and bridleways, it is conveniently located just a 10-minute walk from Horsham town centre. It's the perfect place for a family bike ride away from busy roads, and popular with dog walkers. The main paths are wheelchair accessible."

For Horsham to continue to be such a great place to live it needs

to keep and maintain green spaces such as this for everyone who lives here. The parcel of land that is subject to this planning proposal should remain very much part of Muggeridge field and be kept green for future Horsham generations to enjoy. Once built on it will be lost forever.

Kind regards

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