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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0530
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 12/05/2026 2:01 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land at Hornbrook Farm Brighton Road West Sussex
Proposal:	Outline planning application for up to 180 dwellings, open space and associated works and infrastructure with all matters reserved apart from access.
Case Officer:	Nicola Pettifer

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Customer Details

Address:	10, Ghyll Crescent 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
Comments:	Dear Planning Officers This site has had a number of previous applications declined (at least x3 in the last 25 years) based on aspects that are set out below. Whilst the pressure to build more homes is clear and

understood that does not make a previously unsuitable site now suitable simply to make up numbers.

The proposal

- brings no new infrastructure to a side of town which has no GP surgery or dentist locally
- will increase congestion of the traffic in the locality (Doomsday, St Leonard's Road, A281) during rush 'hour' and school run times
- create safety issues especially for pedestrians given there is no direct footpath access on any side (meaning the busy A281 will need to be crossed twice to reach Tesco and or the local schools) encouraging parents to drive their children to school down the already rat run that is Doomsday
- fails significantly to take account of the nature sensitivity of the site posing a view very limited to just a small part of a highly diverse ecosystem within the area. Three fundamental points:
 - a) with the environmental assessment conducted in February it missed Spring and Summer ground nesting bird life - e.g. Skylarks, and considered only the site and the immediate treeline along the Hornbrook [Note: The UK's National Environment and Rural Communities Act states within section 41 a list of our most threatened species. One of the government's own indicator species is the Skylark. The Skylark has nested in the field for many years until disturbed last summer by the site works carried out to prepare this application]
 - b) it sets out that the farmland is poor grassland to the most part but its focus on breeding habitat does not address the loss of hunting areas for protected bird species such as the Kestrels, Sparrowhawks and Tawny Owls (which nest in the nearby woods to the north of the site) nor the impact on the many rare mammals that feed/live along the Hornbrook adjacent to the site (water voles, otters, Pipistrelle bats)
 - c) does not evaluate the impact of light, noise or air pollution on the present biodiversity
- fails to respect the fact the site is beyond the town boundary being therefore rural and bordering a site of special interest and an area of outstanding natural beauty on the Eastern side of the site
- fails to consider the fact that the proposed housing will be visible from the road contrary to the Horsham District Local Plan.

Other than providing 180 homes to help meet a government imposed tally, there is no positive value in the development of this site but a considerable number of negative factors: impact on amenity, increased congestion, safety factors, lack of infrastructure to support the community and environmental impact. It makes more sense to include the development of 180 new builds into the major developments being created to the north of Horsham. Please let common sense prevail and reject any planning application for this site.

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Kind regards

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