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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/25/0240
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 27/03/2025 8:42 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	Pennthorpe School Church Street Rudgwick West Sussex RH12 3HJ
Proposal:	Variation of condition 12 of previously approved application DC/19/2573 (Removal of 2no. existing tennis courts and creation of an all-weather sports (AWS) pitch) to revise the hours during which the facility will be available for community use.
Case Officer:	Shazia Penne

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Customer Details

Address:	26 Orchard Hill Rudgwick

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Highway Access and Parking - Loss of General Amenity - Other - Privacy Light and Noise - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	I wish to object to the application DC/25/0240 on the following grounds: - Loss of General Amenity

- Highway Access and Parking
- Privacy Light and Noise
- Other

- The application states that section 4.2 of the CUA sets out information regarding the information required from users of the schools facilities and goes on to state that due to the nature of this required information, it is not practical to apply this to community users of the facility. However, no evidence is provided as to why this should be deemed impractical for community users to submit information such as DBS checks and evidence of safeguarding training. I would suggest that it is standard practice for such information to be held by community groups such as sports clubs and that they would have this information readily to hand, particularly if the users are children. As a community football coach myself, when I have tried to book similar facilities in the area, I have always been asked to provide such information as part of the booking process. Given that the granting of community access was a key factor in the original approval of the development, to reduce the hours of community access to a barely usable 1 hour late in the evening based on this point would be in direct contradiction to the original decision.
- The application also states that a change in hours of community use is to ensure that the school meets its safeguarding requirements for students. However, these safeguarding requirements are not stated in any detail within the application, so it is difficult to see how approval can be given when such information is missing. Surely the same safeguarding requirements were in place when approval was given for community use from 16.00-20.00 (term time weekdays) in the original application.
- We have suffered from a decline in amenity, privacy and an increase in noise since the development was finished. The removal of large amounts of vegetation during the development and the lack of adherence to the original replacement planting regime means we have users of the MUGA with eye level visual access into our bedrooms. These users include the schoolchildren of course, but also parents and spectators of sporting and school events, during the school day, after school and at weekends. The east side of the MUGA has also become an informal footpath for members of the school community, meaning that our privacy has been further compromised. Whilst we do not object to the use of the MUGA during standard school hours and for some after school activities, we believe the proposed increase in usage of the MUGA up until 20.00 for school use is not justified and would lead to loss of amenity and enjoyment of our property due to decreased privacy and increased noise over a longer period of time.
- The MUGA Operating Agreement states in paragraph 1.8 "Noise Control Measures" that "Staff and pupils of Pennthorpe know to be respectful of neighbours during school use". Noise levels during usage of the MUGA can be very high, including when staff and

pupils are arriving/leaving the MUGA as well as during the activities themselves. Whilst noise is of course to be expected during usage of the MUGA, I would like to see more evidence of the noise levels being managed by staff, and I would request that a noise survey is carried out to measure current levels during usage and whether the same levels would be acceptable up until a potential time of 20.00.
- There is very little information provided regarding access and parking during the revised hours, other than to state that there is parking available on site. Unfortunately, school traffic is very heavy at certain times of the day, with increased traffic using Orchard Hill as a "turning point" and for overflow parking from the school. With these revised hours, we believe that there will be additional traffic resulting in Orchard Hill and other surrounding roads when users are being dropped off/picked up, and overall an increase in parking in Orchard Hill across a wider time span which will negatively affect residents.

Kind regards

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