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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 03/06/2026 10:28 AM.

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: Winterbourne House Sedgwick Park Horsham

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Highway Access and Parking - Other - Overdevelopment
Comments:	Highway Safety and Traffic Impact Objection I strongly object to this application on the grounds of highway safety, traffic congestion, and the unsuitability of the proposed access arrangements. The proposed development of approximately 180 dwellings would

generate a substantial increase in vehicle movements at an already complex and constrained junction where Doomsday Lane and Sedgwick Lane meet the A-road network. This staggered crossroads arrangement is inherently difficult for motorists to negotiate, requiring multiple turning movements, gap assessments, and interactions between fast-moving through traffic and local vehicles.

The addition of traffic associated with 180 new homes would inevitably increase pressure on this junction, resulting in:

- * Increased delays and congestion, particularly during peak commuting periods.
- * Longer waiting times for vehicles emerging from the minor lanes onto the A-road.
- * Increased risk of collisions arising from turning manoeuvres, queueing traffic, and driver frustration.
- * Greater danger for pedestrians, cyclists, horse riders, and other vulnerable road users who currently use these rural lanes.
- * Potential rat-running and displacement of traffic onto narrow country lanes that were not designed to accommodate significant residential development traffic.

The rural character of Doomsday Lane and Sedgwick Lane, together with their limited width, visibility constraints, and existing traffic conditions, make them unsuitable for accommodating the scale of development proposed. The cumulative effect of construction traffic followed by the permanent increase in residential traffic would have a significant adverse impact on highway safety and the efficient operation of the local road network.

The application has not demonstrated convincingly that the surrounding highway infrastructure can safely and satisfactorily accommodate the additional traffic generated by a development of this magnitude. Any assessment based solely on theoretical modelling may underestimate the practical realities of driver behaviour at this difficult junction and the existing concerns experienced by local residents.

For these reasons, the proposal is contrary to the requirement that development should provide safe and suitable access for all users and should not result in an unacceptable impact on highway safety or the operation of the transport network. I therefore request that planning permission be refused.

Kind regards

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