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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0366
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 25/03/2026 12:09 PM.

Application Summary

Address: Land North West of Southwater

Proposal: Outline planning application, with all matters reserved (except for primary access to the highway) for a phased development comprising: the demolition of existing buildings and the construction of residential dwellings (including affordable housing) (Use Classes C2 and C3); a mixed-use neighbourhood centre (Use Classes E and F); education facilities (Use Class F1(a)); business and employment floorspace (Use Classes B2, B8 and E(g)); redevelopment of existing agricultural buildings including construction of a building for community use (Use Classes E and F2); improvements to public rights of way; sports pitches; gypsy and traveller pitches/plots; public open space; landscaping, and associated infrastructure.

Case Officer: Matthew Porter

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Customer Details

Address: 10 Welcome Place Southwater Horsham

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment: - Design
 - Overdevelopment
 - Privacy Light and Noise

Comments: I object strongly to the over-development of Southwater and the long-term effects on the community and the degradation of the village that would ensue. This is the largest but by no means the only development that is contributing to this. Many others have made specific points on this subject so I will concentrate on the Travellers section of the application.

Travellers Sites can be menace to the permanant community if poorly planned, implemented and managed. I have experience of a Travellers site in Finchampstead, Berkshire where this is not the case and the site blends very well into the surrounding community of very expensive houses. There the site has mobile homes and parking for the travellers vehicles. The mobile homes ridge height is much less than the 6m proposed in this application and I suggest that the ridge height be restricted to 4.5m which is ample for a mobile home. The site in Finchampstead also screens the frontage onto the road with trees and bushes but has brick pillars to support quality close-boarded wooden gates that look like the entrance to an up-market country house which makes the site look very smart from the road. I suggest that similar treatment is a made a requirement to this application. I am concerned about noise and increased light that the Travellers Site may cause to the immediate neighbours and suggest that applicant re-sites this facility to the far north of the site where there is almost no housing being planned.

Kind regards

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