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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/25/2057
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 30/01/2026 2:11 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land North of Little Slaughterford Chapel Road Barns Green West Sussex
Proposal:	Proposed development of 68 dwellings with vehicular and pedestrian accesses, public open space, hard and soft landscaping and associated works including supporting foul and surface water drainage works, and works to existing culverted watercourse on site.
Case Officer:	Alice Johnson

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Customer Details

Address:	Melrose Farm Barns Green
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Highway Access and Parking - Loss of General Amenity - Overdevelopment - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	I wish to formally object to the proposed development of 68 dwellings within our rural village, particularly due to the significant negative impacts it would have on local businesses, traffic levels,

environmental sustainability, and existing infrastructure.

The location of this development, directly opposite the village shop and pub is of particular concern. An increase of this scale in residential housing will inevitably lead to a substantial rise in traffic volume. This will worsen congestion, reduce road safety, and likely result in the loss of limited parking currently relied upon by customers of the village shop. The shop plays an important role in serving residents, particularly those with limited mobility or transport options, and any reduction in accessibility or footfall could seriously threaten its long-term viability.

Similarly, the village pub depends heavily on its rural setting, which attracts visitors from surrounding areas who travel to enjoy the countryside environment. The prospect of a major construction site directly opposite the pub for potentially several years would severely disrupt this experience, deterring customers and undermining trade. In the longer term, the permanent loss of the village's rural feel caused by large-scale development risks altering the character of the area and damaging the pub's appeal. Both businesses are essential community assets, providing employment, services, and social cohesion, and this development would place their continued operation in jeopardy.

The proposal also involves the removal of a section of ancient hedgerow. This hedgerow is not only of significant ecological and historical value, but also plays a crucial role in soil retention and the prevention of surface water runoff, in an area already prone to flooding. Its destruction risks increasing soil erosion, flooding, and environmental degradation. The loss of ancient woodland and hedgerows should be avoided wherever possible, as these habitats cannot be replaced within any meaningful timescale and are vital for biodiversity and environmental resilience.

Finally, the village has very limited public transport provision, which is wholly insufficient to support a substantial increase in population. This lack of infrastructure will inevitably lead to a greater reliance on private vehicles, causing further traffic congestion, parking pressures, and environmental impacts. Without significant improvements to transport services and wider infrastructure, this development cannot be considered sustainable.

As a community, we greatly value the village we live in and the strong sense of connection we share with one another. We do not wish to see our village become another example of a rural community damaged by overdevelopment, where local character, identity, and community spirit are slowly eroded. Once these qualities are lost, they cannot easily be restored.

For these reasons, I strongly urge the council to reconsider this proposal and to prioritise the protection of local businesses,

environmental assets, village character, and the long-term sustainability of our rural community.

Kind regards

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