
From: Planning@horsham.gov.uk
Sent: 18 March 2026 20:34
To: Planning
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 18/03/2026 8:34 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: North Grange Farmhouse Wimlands lane Faygate

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment: - Other

Comments: Subject: Formal Objection - Serious Public Health Risk

I am writing to formally object in the strongest possible terms to this planning application.

There are serious and unresolved concerns regarding potential land contamination, specifically relating to historical livestock burial on this site following a suspected anthrax outbreak. Anthrax spores are well documented to persist in soil for decades and can present a significant health risk if disturbed.

This site is directly adjacent to established residential properties, including family homes with

gardens backing onto the proposed development. The suggestion that construction could proceed in such close proximity to homes, where children live and play daily, without absolute certainty that the land is free from such contamination is deeply concerning and, in my view, wholly unacceptable.

The absence of clear, transparent, and comprehensive information within the planning documentation regarding contaminated land assessment, historical land use, and any form of detailed ground investigation only heightens these concerns. It is not sufficient for such risks to be assumed negligible or addressed retrospectively.

This development presents a potential risk not only during construction, through the disturbance and possible spread of contaminated soil, but also for future residents and neighbouring properties. The consequences of getting this wrong are too serious to ignore.

On this basis, I strongly object to this application and do not believe it should be approved under any circumstances where there is even a possibility of unresolved contamination of this nature.

The health and safety of existing residents must take absolute priority.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted Signature]

Kind regards

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