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Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0567
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Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 21/07/2026 3:40 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	9 Montpelier Gardens Washington West Sussex RH20 3BW
Proposal:	Erection of 2no. semi-detached houses on land to the side of 9 Montpelier Gardens. Demolition of single storey element to side of existing No. 9 and erection of a two storey rear extension to the host dwelling.
Case Officer:	Daniel Holmes

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Customer Details

Address:	7 Montpelier Gardens Washington
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Other - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	Objection to Planning Application DC/26/0567 Proposal: Erection of two semi-detached houses on land to the side of 9 Montpelier Gardens, demolition of the single-storey element to the side of the existing No. 9, and erection of a two-storey rear extension to the host dwelling.

Following the conclusions of the submitted Ecological Report, I remain concerned that the potential impact of this development on hedgehogs has not been given sufficient consideration.

I appreciate that hedgehogs are not protected under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017. However, they are recognised as a Species of Principal Importance under Section 41 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 due to their significant decline across the UK. As such, they should be considered as part of the planning process, particularly where development could result in the loss or fragmentation of suitable habitat.

As residents of Montpelier Gardens, we regularly see hedgehogs in our gardens and throughout the surrounding area. Their presence is a common and familiar sight, demonstrating that there is a well-established local population. The interconnected gardens, boundary hedgerows and green spaces provide an important wildlife corridor, allowing hedgehogs to forage, nest and move safely between neighbouring properties.

The proposed erection of two semi-detached houses, together with the demolition of the existing side extension and the construction of a two-storey rear extension at No. 9, has the potential to reduce and fragment this habitat. New boundary fencing, hard landscaping and the loss of green space could significantly restrict the movement of hedgehogs between gardens.

While the Ecological Report concludes that the impact on hedgehogs is likely to be limited, this does not reflect the reality experienced by those of us who live here. The report does not appear to reflect the frequent presence of hedgehogs observed by residents, nor the importance of this network of gardens as a habitat and movement corridor. I therefore believe the ecological assessment underestimates the value of the site for the local hedgehog population.

I respectfully request that the Local Planning Authority gives appropriate weight to the observations and local knowledge of residents.

Given the known and regularly observed presence of hedgehogs in Montpelier Gardens, I ask that these concerns are fully considered before any decision is made on this application.

Kind regards

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