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To: Planning
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0782

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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 10/07/2026 12:49 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	The Warren Horsham Road Handcross Haywards Heath West Sussex RH17 6DX
Proposal:	Permission in Principle for a minimum and maximum of 7no. dwellings (including 4 flats above replacement garages, 3 dwellings on land off Handford Way, and to replace 2 existing dwellings (one on the site of the existing summer house outbuilding), and Estate Office extension to create up to 600 sq m of Class E floorspace.)
Case Officer:	Daniel Holmes

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Customer Details

Address: Foresters Handford Way, Plummers Plain Horsham

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design - Loss of General Amenity - Other - Overdevelopment - Privacy Light and Noise - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	I am the executor of the estate [REDACTED] which includes the property Foresters, Handford Way, and is affected by this application. [REDACTED] Following the grant of probate, the property was listed for sale. On behalf of [REDACTED] estate, I wish to register our OBJECTION to the application. You should have received a highly detailed objection letter from our neighbour, [REDACTED] of Long House, Handford Way. I have read his letter and agree and support his objection. To avoid unnecessary duplication, I have not repeated the points raised here. As a general point, I wish to endorse the statement by Lower Beeding Parish Council that the

application is not valid, and that the application should have been withdrawn and that Horsham District Council should not have allowed the application to remain validated for the various reasons notified to them.

I wish to mention concerns that relate specifically to Foresters and why I believe that the application should be refused.

1. Foresters sits next to the proposed new house between Foresters and Rowans. My father purchased Foresters in 1976 following the subdivision of a larger plot by the developer, Major Handford, the grandfather of the applicant. The appeal to my father of Foresters was the secluded nature of the house's position with a sizeable wooded area separating the house from its nearest neighbour Rowans. The building of a house in that plot would substantially diminish the privacy enjoyed by Foresters. The proposed application would involve the destruction of a sizeable number of trees, which would seem to represent an environmental abuse when so many trees were lost to the storm of 1987. This is probably not what was envisaged when Foresters and its neighbouring properties were redesignated an area of outstanding natural beauty, from the original description as a Site of Special Scientific Interest.

2. The applicant proposes a 60% increase in density of houses along Handford Way. Currently, the five houses located on the single track lane enjoy a unique rural position at peace with the environment and generally undisturbed by traffic other than serving the five houses and vehicles accessing the Warren estate office. The proposal contained in the application is likely to involve a drastic increase in vehicular traffic, not only from the 3 additional proposed houses located on Handford Way but also from the substantial increase in residential and commercial space on the Warren estate itself. Handford Way is an attractive single track road with Scots Pine trees along its length. The proposal anticipates a widening of the track to accommodate the passing of traffic in both directions. Presumably, the widening will involve the felling of more trees. The creation of an enlarged carriageway will destroy the country feel of Handford Way. Furthermore, an increased volume of traffic only serves to create an additional hazard to vehicular users of Hammerpond Road, at the junction with Handford Way.

3. Foresters already suffers from boggy ground, substantially due to the direction of travel of excess rain water running along Handford Way, caused by the diversion of the drainage channel by the applicant some years ago. I am worried that water run-off from any proposed septic tank located at the plot between Foresters and Rowans will worsen the situation.

4. In summary, the applicant has made an invalid PIP application and is attempting to create the impression of a community benefit to his plan when the true nature of this application is to destroy the fabric of the Warren estate and its local environment and damage the very community the plan pretends to benefit. There is only one winner here: the applicant who is driven by commercial gain.

Kind regards

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