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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/24/0048
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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 03/12/2024 4:09 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Horsham Y M C A Football Club Gorings Mead Horsham West Sussex RH13 5BP
Proposal:	Change of use of the main car park the use of 50 spaces as private parking to local businesses for weekdays.
Case Officer:	Stephanie Bryant

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Customer Details

Address:	39 Gorings Mead Horsham

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Highway Access and Parking - Loss of General Amenity
Comments:	I wish to register my strong objection to the proposal on several grounds. I bought our house in Gorings Mead in 1989. Our road was always quiet apart from occasional evening football matches and training until the last ten years or so. Parking and traffic has never been properly controlled by the YMCA for their functions despite many promises and they have openly breached planning permissions, using the site for slimming clubs amongst others, along with parking for local businesses. There has been no

mention, that I can see, of restricting the other usages being carried out without planning permission which seem to be conveniently ignored. The parking which is clearly and knowingly in contravention has continued despite complaints being lodged with Planning Enforcement over a year ago. It was only admitted by the YMCA when it was flagged up as missing from their previous application financial statement of income by a concerned party.

I am concerned that there is an implication in the Planning report that the site is already being used for 50 vehicles without any detrimental effects or complaint. This is simply not true, it is more like 10 vehicles a day at most and already is having an impact. Fifty vehicles would be a massive increase and would have a huge impact on our residential cul de sac.

The YMCA have consistently shown that they hold no regard for planning rules or abiding by promises to control access and parking, so it is very reasonable to assume that they will simply ignore any limits or conditions attached at will if the proposal is approved.

If allowed it would enable the YMCA to easily counter any objections of increased traffic on future applications and would hand them a huge potential later trade off for other uses. It would reward them for ignoring planning permissions and presumably effectively legalise all other activities that the site is currently being used for. It would have massive impact on our amenity as residents and will cause daily congestion and danger at the very narrow exit to Brighton Road. Fifty cars end to end in single file at peak times morning and night would fill over half the length of our narrow street. Access for residents would be extremely restricted and difficult at peak times.

Kind regards