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**To:** "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0954  
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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 23/09/2026 11:07 AM.

### Application Summary

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| Address:      | Land South of Athelstan Way Horsham West Sussex                                                                                                               |
| Proposal:     | Residential development for 21no. 1, 2, 3 and 4 bedroom dwellings with associated parking, hard and soft landscaping at Land South of Athelstan Way, Horsham. |
| Case Officer: | Nicola Pettifer                                                                                                                                               |

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### Customer Details

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### Comments Details

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| Commenter Type:      | Member of the Public                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Stance:              | Customer objects to the Planning Application                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Reasons for comment: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Loss of General Amenity</li><li>- Overdevelopment</li><li>- Trees and Landscaping</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Comments:            | <p>I regularly use the public bridleway at the end of Arun Way, at least twice a week. I use it to walk my dog and I also regularly walk along the route with my daughter in the evening. It is an important part of our everyday lives and gives us an easily accessible opportunity to exercise, spend time together and enjoy the countryside.</p> <p>What makes this particular location so valuable is its peace and</p> |

tranquillity. After walking through the surrounding built-up residential area, reaching the open field and countryside provides a real sense of space and a welcome connection with nature. The countryside here is beautiful, and the contrast between the urban environment and the open landscape is one of the things that makes this route so special.

The field is not simply an unused piece of land. It forms the setting for a well-used public bridleway and provides an important green and rural environment for local residents. Its proximity means that people can reach open countryside on foot without having to travel further afield.

The proposed development of 21 homes would fundamentally alter this experience. The current open, tranquil and rural setting would be replaced by a residential development, with buildings, roads, parking and associated infrastructure. The character and visual amenity of the public right of way would consequently be permanently changed.

The peaceful experience of walking through open countryside cannot be recreated simply by providing landscaping within a housing development.

I am particularly concerned that, once this area of open countryside is developed, the remaining undeveloped land around Horsham will become increasingly fragmented. While I appreciate that each planning application has to be considered on its own merits, I believe the Council should also recognise the cumulative importance of retaining the remaining areas of open countryside. The gradual loss of individual green spaces can, over time, result in a substantial change to the character of the area and leave very little of the countryside that local residents currently enjoy.

It is also important that the Council considers who is affected by the loss of this particular green space. Although there may be larger areas of countryside further away, this field is an immediate and accessible first port of call for local residents. Its proximity is particularly valuable to people who may not be able to travel further, including young families, older residents and people with reduced mobility.

The loss of this accessible green space would make it less convenient for residents to undertake short walking journeys to reach the natural environment. It therefore has implications not only for visual amenity, but also for opportunities for everyday exercise, physical health, mental wellbeing and people's connection with nature.

The National Planning Policy Framework recognises the importance of access to high-quality open spaces and opportunities for sport and recreation in supporting healthy communities. The proposal should also be considered against the relevant Horsham District planning policies concerning recreational assets, health and wellbeing and accessible green space, including HDPF Policies 42 and 43 and Strategic Policy 27 of the emerging Local Plan.

I therefore ask the Council to give substantial weight to the loss of this valued open space and to the impact that the development

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would have on users of the public bridleway.  
This is a well-used piece of countryside that provides a valuable and easily accessible connection between Horsham's residential areas and the surrounding countryside. Once the 21 homes and associated infrastructure are built, the openness, tranquillity and rural character of this setting will be permanently lost.  
I strongly object to application DC/26/0954 and respectfully ask Horsham District Council to refuse the application.

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Kind regards

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