# ITCHINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**33 Smugglers Way**
**Barns Green**
**Near Horsham**
**West Sussex**

8th July 2025

Development Control Committee – Area North
Horsham District Council
Albery House
Springfield Road
Horsham
West Sussex
RH12 2GB

Dear Planning Officer

Following the Parish Council Meeting on 30th June 2025, this is to confirm that Itchingfield Parish Council would like to make the following representation to be put before HDC Planning Committee.

**DC/25/0822 - Mr J Forster, Clayfield Farm, Valewood Lane, Barns Green - Conversion of an agricultural building into two dwellings.** HRA/23/0023, Reg 77 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations, (water neutrality) are awaiting a decision.
This development has already been approved, however, the site and block plans show minimal domestic curtilage, no provision for car parking or waste storage and collection. These issues were raised when the initial application was submitted. Therefore, Itchingfield Parish Council recommend this planning application for refusal until these matters are addressed.

**DC/25/0522 - Ms Sarah-Jane Knight, Land at Richmond Farm Stables, Rye Farm Lane, Barns Green - The retrospective change of use of a former equestrian store to provide additional kennel space, associated with the lawful mixed residential and dog keeping use of the site.**
This is the second retrospective application on this site by Ms Knight, the other one being: DC/22/2058.
Itchingfield Parish Council has the following comments regarding this retrospective planning application.

1) Concern over potential increased activity and intensification on the site through provision of additional kennels beyond that included in the LDC (ref application DC/21/1843). Use of the kennels should be validated to be within the scope granted by the referenced LDC.
2) Concern that there is an outlet vent in the wall of the store at the boundary with the neighbouring property. This should be addressed by closing up the outlet and re-siting the ventilator outlet to discharge within the curtilage of Richmond Farm Stables.
3) Measures in the Noise Management Plan requested by Horsham District Council Environmental Protection Office (04/08/2021) and submitted by Acoustic Associates Sussex Limited, on behalf of the applicant (dated 30/09/2021, Section 3,4) to minimise Noise Nuisance should be adhered to. This includes both management of dogs on site and the minimisation of car parking impact by restricting associated car parking to one car as proposed. It is noted that there has been evidence produced of several cars parking on the road immediately outside the site on occasion in association with the kennel activities.
4) Concern that the new kennel space is adjacent to the boundary with a neighbouring property hence raising the possibility of increased noise nuisance.

**Until all these matters are addressed, Itchingfield Parish Council cannot recommend this planning application for approval.**

**DC/25/0885 - Ms K Martin and Mr S Gent, The Crickets, Sandhill Road, Barns Green - Proposed erection of a two storey side and rear extension and proposed single storey extension. Alteration to existing front elevation. Demolition of sections of existing dwelling and existing garage.**
Whilst this is a significant extension, there is no obvious intrusion on the privacy of the neighbours, especially if obscured glass is utilized to North side upper-storey windows. The inclusion of an additional drop kerb will facilitate improved parking at the property for two cars. No objections received from neighbours.

Kind regards

Alan Strudley
Chairman to Itchingfield Parish Council