Horsham District Council

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Application Number: DC/25/0533

TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1990 (as amended)
TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015

On behalf of:

In pursuance of their powers under the above-mentioned Act and Order, the Council hereby REFUSE to permit the works specified hereunder, that is to say:

Construction of a detached chalet style dwelling and garage.

Land Parcel 508204 113924 School Lane Storrington West Sussex

as shown on Plan and Application Number DC/25/0533 submitted to the Council on 03/04/2025. The reasons for the Council's decision to refuse to permit the above works are specified hereunder.

1 The development is within a countryside location outside of the built-up area boundary of any settlement on a site which has not been allocated for development within the Horsham District Planning Framework or an adopted Neighbourhood Plan. The development would be contrary to the overarching strategy and hierarchical approach of concentrating development within the main settlements and is not essential to its countryside location. There are no material considerations which outweigh this harm, and the proposal represents unsustainable development contrary to Policies 1, 2, 3, 4, and 26 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015), Policies 1 and 8 of made the Storrington, Sullington & Washington Neighbourhood Plan, and the National Planning Policy Framework (2024).

2 The proposal would facilitate development extending beyond the defined settlement boundary into the countryside and would cause localised visual harm to the character and appearance of the area. The proposal is therefore contrary to Policies 25, 32 and 33 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015), and Policy 14 of the Storrington, Sullington & Washington Neighbourhood Plan (2019).

3 Notwithstanding information submitted, the applicant has not demonstrated with a sufficient degree of certainty that the proposed development would not contribute to an existing adverse effect upon the integrity of the internationally designated Arun Valley Special Area of Conservation, Special Protection Area and Ramsar sites by way of increased water abstraction, contrary to Policy 31 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015), Paragraphs 193 and 194 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2024), thus the Local Planning Authority are unable to discharge its duties under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), and s40 of the NERC Act 2006 (Priority habitats & species).

Schedule of plans/documents:

Plan Type	Description	Drawing Number	Received Date
Supporting Docs	Landscape and Visual Technical Note	NONE REV C	31.03.2025
Supporting Docs	Water Neutrality Statement	NONE	02.04.2025
Elevation plan		2936/12A	18.03.2025
Plans	Land In Ownership	NONE	18.03.2025
Floor plan		2936/10A	18.03.2025
Elevation plan		2936/11A	18.03.2025
Block plan		2936/13A	31.03.2025
Location plan		NONE REV A	18.03.2025
Design & Access Statement		NONE	18.03.2025
Supporting Docs	Preliminary Ecological Assessment	NONE	18.03.2025
Plans	Landscape	2936/13B	18.03.2025
Supporting Docs	Great Crested Newt eDNA Sampling	NONE	20.05.2025

Note to Applicant – Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL):
Horsham District Council has adopted a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule which took effect on 1st October 2017. **This development constitutes CIL liable development**.

If you have not received a Liability Notice from the Council within 1 month of the decision date please contact the CIL Team at cil@horsham.gov.uk

CIL is a mandatory financial charge on development. To avoid additional financial penalties, the requirements of CIL must be managed before development is commenced (including in the event of any successful appeal).

Payment must be made in accordance with the requirements of the CIL Demand Notice issued.

Note To Applicant:
Statement pursuant to Article 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015. The Local Planning Authority has acted positively and proactively in determining this application by assessing the proposal against all material considerations, including planning policies and any representations that may have been received, in order to be able to, where possible, grant permission.

Emma Parkes
Head of Development and Building Control

Date: 08/10/2025

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Right of Appeals

If you are aggrieved by the decision to refuse permission for the proposed development or to grant it subject to conditions, then you can appeal to the Secretary of State under Section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

You must appeal within 12 weeks of the date of the decision notice for a householder application or 'minor commercial' (shop front) development, and within 6 months for other types of planning applications. There are different timescale – usually 28 days – if an enforcement notice is/has been served for the same (or very similar) land and development. Please note, only the applicant possesses the right of appeal.

Appeals can be made online at: https://www.gov.uk/planning-inspectorate. If you are unable to access the online appeal form, please contact the Planning Inspectorate to obtain a paper copy of the appeal form on tel: 0303 444 5000.

The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal but will not normally be prepared to use this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal.

The Secretary of State need not consider an appeal if it seems to the Secretary of State that the local planning authority could not have granted planning permission for the proposed development or could not have granted it without the conditions they imposed, having regard to the statutory requirements, to the provisions of any development order and to any directions given under a development order.

If you intend to submit an appeal that you would like examined by inquiry then you must notify the Local Planning Authority and Planning Inspectorate (inquiryappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) at least 10 days before submitting the appeal. Further details are at https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/casework-dealt-with-by-inquiries.