

Sent: 05 February 2026 11:04
To: Planning
Subject: Objection to Planning Application DC/25/2057 - Land North of Little Slaughterford

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed housing development under planning application reference DC/25/2057 on land north of Little Slaughterford.

I wish to register my strong objection on the following planning grounds:

1. Impact on the rural character of the area

Little Slaughterford is a small rural settlement, and the proposed development would represent a significant and harmful encroachment into open countryside. The scale and density of the proposal would erode the established rural character and setting of the village, contrary to policies intended to protect countryside locations.

2. Disproportionate scale and lack of alignment with surrounding development

The proposed number of dwellings represents a disproportionate increase in housing within the parish and is out of keeping with the scale and pattern of neighbouring properties. The development does not integrate sensitively with the existing settlement form and would appear intrusive and incongruous in its context.

3. Loss of ancient hedgerow

The development would result in the removal or damage of an ancient hedgerow, which is an important and irreplaceable landscape feature. Ancient hedgerows are afforded protection due to their historical, ecological, and visual value, and their loss would cause lasting harm to the character and biodiversity of the area.

4. Flood risk and surface water impact

The application site is located in an area that already experiences regular flooding, in particular the local shop and pub and residents in Chapel Road. The introduction of housing, hardstanding, and access roads would increase surface water runoff and heighten flood risk both on and beyond the site. Insufficient evidence has been provided to demonstrate that proposed drainage or mitigation measures would be effective, particularly during periods of heavy rainfall. The development therefore poses an unacceptable risk to existing properties and land downstream.

5. Highway safety and traffic impact

The local road network is narrow and unsuitable for accommodating additional traffic. Cars parked outside the shop and pub can cause congestion at the moment and in particular when the 2 school buses are picking up and dropping off students twice a day. Increased vehicle movements arising from the development could lead to more congestion and would exacerbate safety concerns for pedestrians, cyclists, and other road users. This is in particular outside the local shop and pub, both an integral part to the village.

6. Lack of sustainable transport and local bus services

Little Slaughterford has very limited access to local bus services. The site is not well served by sustainable transport options, making residents heavily reliant on private vehicles. An increase in traffic will add to the burden of highway maintenance, volume of traffic going out and coming into the village and an increase in emissions in the local environment. There is a Community Driver which is a voluntary service enabling residents to get to appointments in Horsham and further afield as there is not an adequate bus service. This is contrary to planning policies that seek to locate new housing where realistic alternatives to car use are available.

7. Pressure on local infrastructure and services

There is insufficient evidence to demonstrate that existing infrastructure, including drainage and local services, can accommodate the proposed development without adverse impact.

For the above reasons, I request that the planning authority refuse application DC/25/2057.

Please acknowledge receipt of this objection and ensure it is fully considered as part of the determination process.

Yours faithfully,

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5th February, 2026

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