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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0472
Categories: Comments Received

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 30/04/2026 8:29 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land North of Eastlands Lane Cowfold West Sussex
Proposal:	Erection of 9no. dwellings with associated car parking spaces, detached carports, garages and landscaping.
Case Officer:	Tamara Dale

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Customer Details

Address:	10 Acorn Avenue Cowfold Horsham
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Highway Access and Parking - Loss of General Amenity - Other - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	I wish to object to the proposed development on the grounds of its adverse impact on the character of the area, highway safety, and local biodiversity. I regularly use Eastlands Lane for walking, including commuting to work as well as during evenings and weekends. The lane forms part of a designated Local Green Space and makes a significant

contribution to the rural character, tranquillity, and amenity of the area. The introduction of additional housing and associated vehicle movements would result in a harmful urbanising effect, eroding the peaceful and undeveloped nature of this valued landscape.

Eastlands Lane is characterised by its natural setting, including mature and ancient oak trees, which are an important feature of the local environment. The proposed development would detract from this setting and diminish the visual and environmental quality of the lane.

The proposal also gives rise to serious highway safety concerns. Eastlands Lane is narrow, with limited visibility in places, and is regularly used by pedestrians, including children and dog walkers. It is not well-suited to accommodating a material increase in vehicular traffic. The likely intensification of vehicle movements would increase the risk of conflict between vehicles and pedestrians, to the detriment of public safety.

In addition, the site is in close proximity to Eastlands Wood, which supports local wildlife, including hedgehogs-a species in decline. The development has the potential to result in habitat loss and fragmentation, placing further pressure on this vulnerable population and failing to conserve and enhance biodiversity, contrary to national and local planning policies.

For the reasons outlined above, I respectfully request that the application is refused.

Kind regards

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