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Sent: 01 May 2026 11:33
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Good Morning:
Thank you for your message. Apologies I omitted my postal address, previously.
I am Shoreham born and raised, now residing at:

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We stumbled across the Hare and Hounds at COWFOLD quite by accident, but thanks to the excellent hospitality provided, we visit often.

Some places will be ruined by speculative building programmes. Cowfold is one of them and certainly does merit being left alone.

Not all speculative building is successful.

Example being industrial units adjacent to the A.27 upon the edge of Shoreham Airport. Intruding upon the magnificent views of Lancing College Chapel and the gentle landscape of the South Downs. These industrial units stood for many months; all unoccupied. They truly are a blot upon the landscape. Serving no functional purpose.

OR do they?

Maybe their purpose is to make way to shoe-horn in further speculative development of the Airport's acres. The Monks Farm housing estate offers the impression of being slow to fill successfully.

We all comprehend the need to eradicate homelessness.

However, position is everything. The occupants of new homes require adequate transport links and access to employment opportunities. Not just a roof over heads.

Rant over!

All I seek is that more longer-term thought is considered, prior to every green space amenity being gifted over to short term gain.

With kind regards.

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Sent: 30 April 2026 22:46

To: PL Planning Applications <planning.applications@westsussex.gov.uk>; Planning <planning@horsham.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]

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Good Evening:

Sincere thanks for kindly rerouting my e-mail.

I was just back from a little holiday - running out of time - so I panicked in my endeavour to forward my view, within the designated time period; and I got it wrong!

Very grateful.

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Sent: 30 April 2026 11:11

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Sirs;

I've just noted this application with regard to development within the vicinity of Cowfold.

With the (current) Government publicising two major relevant topics :

Falling birth rate.

Need for expansion of locallyhome produced food economically AND earnest endeavours to reduce carbon footprints created by imports from Europe and further afield.

It is surely a folly to over expand various villages, devouring greenfield sites and stressing the existing infrastructure.

So. With the prospect of a declining population, combined with an uncertain world political future stressing the country's basic economy, my concern is:

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO ALL THESE RURAL DEVELOPMENTS IN A DECADE OR TWO?

As feeding the nation demand increases, and should transportation be stultified by fuel costs - or worse - war - What then. A prospect of demolition to release land for vital farming?

Surely current housing accommodation should be concentrated upon existing conurbations, utilising brownfield sites where possible, with accessible transportation links and proximity to employment opportunities, whilst preserving our rural landscape for both food production and indeed outdoor access for the sake of the nation's mental health.

Road Access:

Further. Traffic to/from Coast to access the M.25 flows relatively smoothly via the A.24. However, should the road be blocked for a reason, general traffic and HGVs seek alternative routing to the M23. Areas around and including Cowfold swiftly become congested to the frustration of both Council Tax paying residents, and indeed to Road Fund//Fuel tax paying motorists and commercial vehicle operators, attempting to go about their daily business.

Please! I urge you to please consider the bigger implications, of overloading rural locations, both currently, and particularly longer term; rather than short-term gain.

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