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**To:** "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0544  
**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 18/06/2026 11:45 AM.

### Application Summary

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| Address:      | The Haven Dog Field Okehurst Road Billingshurst                                             |
| Proposal:     | Change of use of land to secure dog walking field with parking and access. (Retrospective). |
| Case Officer: | Sophie Moore                                                                                |

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### Customer Details

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| Address: | Shortloes Farm HOUse The Haven Billingshurst |
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### Comments Details

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| Commenter Type:      | Neighbour                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Stance:              | Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Reasons for comment: | - Other                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Comments:            | <p>I wish to submit a comment regarding the proposed operating hours of 8:00am to 7:00pm.</p> <p>I have no objection to the proposed use in principle and have discussed the operation with the applicant previously. During that conversation, I understood that the last customer would typically arrive by 4pm and leave by around 5:00pm, which I considered reasonable given the site's proximity to our residential property.</p> <p>My concern relates specifically to the proposed closing time of 7:00pm. My property is directly opposite the site entrance, with</p> |

our garden located approximately 5 metres away. Customer vehicles leaving the site later in the day would be facing towards our property, and during the winter months vehicle headlights are likely to shine directly into our garden and into our house, causing light pollution and disturbance.

This issue is particularly noticeable in winter when the existing hedges are not in full leaf and provide significantly less screening. We observed this effect during the construction works, when vehicle lights were clearly visible and shone into our kitchen on them leaving and this was due to the reduced foliage.

Given the site's very close relationship with our property, I would ask the planning authority to consider a more restrictive customer operating period, reflecting the applicant's earlier indication that customer activity would cease around 4 to 5pm. This would help minimise the light pollution and protect residential amenity while still allowing the site to operate.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Kind regards

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