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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0246
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Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 22/05/2026 6:46 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Unit 28 Huffwood Trading Estate Brookers Road Billingshurst West Sussex RH14 9UR
Proposal:	Change of use from light industrial building (Class E(g)(iii)) to a mixed use of light industrial and gym / fitness studio (Class E(d)).
Case Officer:	Hannah Darley

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Customer Details

Address: Heatherdown Petworth Road BILLINGSHURST

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Other
Comments:	I fully support this planning application as someone who regularly trains at this gym and has experienced first-hand the positive impact it has had on me and many people within the local community. This is not a large commercial or open-access gym and sessions are appointment-only with limited numbers, creating a quiet, private, and well-managed environment that is very different from a typical busy fitness centre. The smaller group sizes allow people

of all ages and fitness levels to feel comfortable and supported as they train at their own level.

Of significant note is the benefit this business brings to the local community. Over many years, the applicant has helped countless local people improve their physical health, confidence, mental wellbeing, and overall quality of life. He has built strong relationships within the community and has created a supportive environment where people feel encouraged rather than intimidated.

The flexible training times before and after normal working hours make it accessible for people with busy jobs, families, and other commitments, helping more local residents fit exercise into their daily lives which can only be a positive thing. Having a local facility that many people can walk to is a real positive for the area and encourages healthier lifestyles within the community.

The business is also operated in a very considerate way. Sessions are staggered to reduce traffic impact, there is plenty of parking available, and all activities take place fully inside the building. Noise is kept to a minimum through rubber matting and flooring, with no loud music or dropping of heavy weights, with all gym equipment being self powered / non motorised further reducing noise and environmental impact during operation.

I believe it is important to support independent local businesses like this one, especially when they have consistently contributed so positively to the wellbeing of local residents over such a long period of time.

Overall, I believe this is a low-impact and valuable community-focused use of the building that will continue to provide significant health and wellbeing benefits for the residents of Billingshurst and the surrounding area.

Kind regards

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