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Sent: 19 May 2026 08:56
To: Planning
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0530

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 19/05/2026 8:55 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land at Hornbrook Farm Brighton Road West Sussex
Proposal:	Outline planning application for up to 180 dwellings, open space and associated works and infrastructure with all matters reserved apart from access.
Case Officer:	Nicola Pettifer

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Customer Details

Address:	54St leonard's road Bumble Bee Cottage, 54 St. Leonards Road horsham
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design - Highway Access and Parking - Loss of General Amenity - Other - Overdevelopment - Privacy Light and Noise - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	I object to this planning application as I feel it is infringing on the wildlife rich buffer zone and green space between Horsham and the biodiverse St Leonard's Forest. It is on a raised area of land so would impact the visual amenity of the area. With its raised elevation, the run off from the hard landscaping of road network and paving around the buildings would impact the Horsham riverside and local area and potential increase flooding. The fields, plants and trees there at the moment help reduce impact of rainwater but if we loose even part of this green space it will change the delicate habitat. It also could potentially cause pollution into the watercourse locally thus reducing biodiversity. The suggestion that it would open up the riverside walk would be unlikely to work as increased water run off would increase flooding in that area which is already known to flood in areas from surface runoff. This would mean you also would not be able to safely access this area anyway if it floods. At the moment that area of

the river side is completely wild and opening it up to the public would have a negative impact on wildlife, compaction of the ground and therefore impact the trees health too. From experience, I have noticed that even if it is said that wildlife corridors such as hedgerows and large stand alone trees are left, little consideration is given to not compacting the area around them and thus impacting on their health anyway. This development would impact environmentally our beautiful area and the biodiversity within it rather than create opportunities to increase it which was muted previously. The road network is already busy and increased vehicles would impact negatively environmentally and the small narrow lanes nearby which the new inhabitants would use to get to local amenities would impact local infrastructure. It could potentially impact on wildlife on the currently quiet lanes including negatively impacting hedgehogs and deer and other wildlife. The bats which we know are in the local area would be negatively impacted by increased lighting and noise and loss of direct corridors to feed and move freely. There are plenty of brown field sites in Horsham that are still not redeveloped which would be more appropriate to use for development. The number of houses proposed even with the suggestion of public access areas is not proportionate to the local area. Even single story dwellings would impact the visual amenity of the area and the wildlife rich area. Building near the hedgerows even if leaving them will impact negatively on them and they are diverse because of the farmland around them that would then be lost. Horsham amenities are already overstretched with other developments locally and I do not feel it would cope with that scale of development.

I sincerely object to this proposal

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Kind regards

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