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To: Planning
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0954
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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 02/10/2026 6:55 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land South of Athelstan Way Horsham West Sussex
Proposal:	Residential development for 21no. 1, 2, 3 and 4 bedroom dwellings with associated parking, hard and soft landscaping at Land South of Athelstan Way, Horsham.
Case Officer:	Nicola Pettifer

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Customer Details

Address:	38 Arthur 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 wish to object to application DC/26/0954, which would harm an irreplaceable local amenity and important access point to the countryside. Having grown up within 15 minutes walk of the site with an allotment extremely close-by, I have childhood memories of seeing much wildlife only in this area which would be denied to today's children, including adders, slow worms, newts, hedgehogs, mice. I want to note that recent activity to clear the area including setting of fires will have confounded any wildlife surveys conducted, not just through the loss of habitats but also the noise, smoke etc. of the activity itself will have deterred wildlife in a short to medium duration even on top of the "new normal".

Nonetheless further buildings, light, noise, paved areas, construction itself will have a further negative impact on wildlife.

As an adult with a sedentary job, [REDACTED], who does not drive, I highly value local accessible countryside walking routes, in particular those passing by the affected area and they are my most important, most convenient, most available, most common form of exercise.

There are basically two accessible countryside routes, Denne Hill and Chesworth Farm (the park not being countryside), and from this area it may take all the time [REDACTED] just to get to Denne Hill, walking through urban areas.

Walking arbitrarily through residential areas and cutting back at the first sign of boredom or tiredness does not provide the same motivation as a countryside loop both due to the more pleasurable, stimulating environment but also a better defined start and end to stretch to.

Similar factors apply to families with small children, the elderly, carers - [REDACTED] caring [REDACTED] Alzheimer's, I know that many with this condition, and I'm sure many others, can't manage a car journey of any duration without distress, and quickly become difficult to manage in built up or populated environments, with the risk of misunderstandings and arguments with unaware members of the public. However affected people need exercise at least as much as the rest of us and also become distressed if stuck at home for too long. Accessible open areas are therefore extremely important to them, their families and carers.

Naturally I am also concerned about impact on the allotments in the following ways:

- Increased traffic and parking affecting access.
 - Damage to the countryside feeling, both visual and noise, after construction but also during it.
 - Increased human attention and activity in the area exacerbating crime such as thefts and property damage which have been an issue throughout the years.
- With the allotments being uninhabited at night by definition only so much can reasonably be done to mitigate this.

These same factors will affect Chesworth Farm, with its various community projects and structures, and of course wildlife.

The area of proposed development currently acts a buffer protecting these areas.

Also, the design is out of character for a rural area, and more in character for an urban area.

Kind regards

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