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Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/25/2057
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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 04/02/2026 9:42 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land North of Little Slaughterford Chapel Road Barns Green West Sussex
Proposal:	Proposed development of 68 dwellings with vehicular and pedestrian accesses, public open space, hard and soft landscaping and associated works including supporting foul and surface water drainage works, and works to existing culverted watercourse on site.
Case Officer:	Alice Johnson

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Customer Details

Address: 21 Finians Field Barns Green, Horsham

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
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 am extremely unhappy with and strongly object to the proposed development at Barns Green. This proposal represents a clear case of overdevelopment of a rural village and would cause lasting harm to the character, infrastructure, and wellbeing of the local community.

Loss of Trees and Rural Character

The proposed development would result in the loss of established trees and green land that are fundamental to the rural identity of Barns Green. This is not an appropriate location for development of this scale. The erosion of green space and tree cover will negatively impact biodiversity, landscape character, and residents' quality of life.

Severe Traffic and Access Concerns

The local road network is wholly unsuitable for the level of traffic this development would generate. Access routes are narrow, already congested, and unsafe. Increased traffic will significantly worsen conditions for residents, emergency vehicles, and pedestrians. Construction traffic will further compound these issues and create unacceptable risks, particularly for children and vulnerable road users.

Overdevelopment and Unsustainable Growth

This proposal represents overdevelopment of a small rural village that lacks the infrastructure to support it. Barns Green does not have the services, transport links, or capacity required to absorb this level of housing growth, making the proposal fundamentally unsustainable and contrary to both local and national planning policy.

Loss of Local Services - Impact on Older and Vulnerable Residents

The cumulative impact of this development threatens the viability of the village's remaining local services, including the pub and village shop. These facilities are vital to the community, particularly for older residents who rely on them for daily needs and social contact. Their loss would significantly increase isolation and reduce independence for those who cannot travel easily.

Poor Public Transport Provision

Public transport in Barns Green is virtually non-existent. There is a bus service only twice a day, which is completely inadequate. This means residents would be forced to rely on private cars, directly contradicting sustainability principles and increasing traffic, pollution, and carbon emissions.

Strain on Infrastructure

Local infrastructure is already under severe strain. There is insufficient capacity in roads, healthcare services, education provision, and utilities to accommodate additional housing. The proposal fails to demonstrate how these pressures will be addressed or funded, placing an unacceptable burden on existing residents and services.

Conclusion

This development would cause irreversible harm to Barns Green, transforming it from a rural village into an overdeveloped settlement without the infrastructure to support it. The loss of

trees, increased traffic, poor access, lack of transport, and pressure on already stretched services make this proposal entirely inappropriate.

I strongly urge Horsham District Council to refuse planning permission for this development.

Kind regards

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