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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0530
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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 25/05/2026 2:11 PM.

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:	25 Purton Road Horsham
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Highway Access and Parking - Loss of General Amenity - Overdevelopment
Comments:	Objection on behalf of The British Horse Society Dear Ms Pettifer 1, While I note the intention to create a safer right-turn for traffic exiting the proposed development onto the A281, in practice it is highly likely that traffic will exit left and cut through Doomsday

Lane to Hammerpond Rd, for access both west to Horsham and east to other areas and facilities such as the Golf and Rugby clubs.

Bridleway 1691-1 joins Hammerpond Rd near the Doomsday Lane junction; it has poor sightlines and no refuge. At least 50 equestrians regularly use this section of Hammerpond Rd; it is already dangerous and traffic from the proposed development would exacerbate the situation.

2, Equestrians currently cross the A281 between Sedgwick Lane and Doomsday Lane. Should the development go ahead, the proposed pedestrian crossing should be a Pegasus crossing and facilitate this route in a safe manner. A safe track or at least refuges should also be provided on Doomsday Lane; if this is not possible the development is in my view untenable.

3, Precedent shows that the proposed development would significantly increase traffic on Hammerpond Rd. The stretch between Horsham and Bucks Head is used regularly by more than 100 equestrians in order to access off-road riding, including a well-loved local riding school. For the majority it is their only option. The road is already extremely dangerous for equestrians, with poor sightlines, poor surfaces and significant vehicle speeds. Riders have had to become accustomed to a near-miss every time they use this road; adding to this is unacceptable.

Equestrian businesses, are a key part of the local, rural economy in the Horsham area and safe access to off-road riding is crucial. Equestrian businesses, especially riding schools, face very tough times and it would be sad both for them and for the local economy to lose even more. Private equestrian facilities and smaller yards are also very much part of the local landscape. The majority in this area have no option but to use Hammerpond Rd; increasing traffic is dangerous and unacceptable.

While I strongly object to the proposed development I would consider modifying this objection on the following terms:

1, that the end of b/w 1691-1 is modified to add a refuge and better sightlines

2, that a speed limit of 30mph be imposed and enforced on Hammerpond Rd between Horsham and Bucks Head

3, that the above Pegasus crossing be put in place.

BHS Access & Bridleways Officer

Kind regards

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