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To whom it may concern,

I wish to provide my views related to the planning application DC/25/2057 for the proposed 68-home development. Although we are not permanent residents, we are members of the public with long-standing knowledge of the village and a strong attachment to it, as we visit regularly and know the area well. Because of this, we are familiar with both the character of the village and the limitations of its current infrastructure.

Our concerns are as follows:

Impact on rural character: The proposed development would fundamentally alter the landscape and the traditional rural setting of the village. The open field opposite the pub is an important part of the village's identity and sense of place.

Wastewater & Sewerage: The existing system already struggles, with frequent overflows during wet weather. Adding 68 homes risks worsening pollution and downstream flooding unless significant capacity upgrades are delivered in advance.

Flood Risk & Drainage: The site drains towards Chapel Road, which already floods. Without a robust, evidenced drainage strategy, increased runoff will heighten flood risk for nearby homes, businesses, and the highway.

Highways & Traffic: Chapel Road is already congested, with limited parking and constrained access around the shop and pub. The additional vehicle movements and construction traffic would materially worsen safety and congestion.

Sustainability & Transport: Public transport is limited, meaning the development would lock in car dependency and increase pressure on local roads.

Infrastructure pressures: The existing roads, drainage, and local services are already under strain. Adding 68 new homes would place significant additional pressure on systems that are not equipped to handle such an increase.

Scale and suitability: The size and density of the development are disproportionate to the village's scale and would represent an abrupt and unsustainable expansion.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that Horsham District Council refuses the application unless independently verified evidence can demonstrate safe, sustainable solutions to wastewater, drainage, and highway impacts, with mitigation delivered before considering any occupation of this magnitude.

Kind regards,

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