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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0933
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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 03/09/2026 6:38 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land Between Muntham Drive and Smugglers' Lane Chapel Road Barns Green West Sussex
Proposal:	Erection of 31 dwellings with access from Chapel Road including roads, parking and open space.
Case Officer:	Alice Johnson

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Customer Details

Address: CAMOMILE BARN EMMS LANE BROOKS GREEN

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 - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	(1) Conflict with the Neighbourhood Plan The Itchingfield Neighbourhood Plan (2025) which is a made plan endorsed by HDC, who stated that it 'carries full weight as part of

the development plan for this part of the district', categorised this site as 'undevelopable'.

Additionally both the current (made) Horsham District Planning Framework and SHELAA concluded the site was 'undevelopable'. A number of policy elements in these respective documents are relevant to this application and support refusal.

Furthermore, public response to the site when it was proposed in the Call for Sites for the Neighbourhood Plan was overwhelmingly negative.

(2) Over Development

Even the draft HDC Local Plan only allocated this site for 25 homes. The applicant is proposing 31 which is a 24% increase with no justification.

Consequently 31 homes would represent clear overdevelopment. This development will conflict with Planning Policy, representing a disproportionate increase in the number of dwellings in the Parish, at a density which is out of alignment with neighbouring properties.

(3) Conflicts with the Countryside Policy (BUAB)

The proposed development site lies outside the Built-up Area Boundary (BUAB) and is defined as 'Countryside'. Policy 26 in the HDC Local Plan states explicitly that development in the countryside should only be permitted if it is essential to its location.

The proposed development site is a speculative housing scheme which lies in countryside outside the Built-up Area Boundary, and is not essential.

(4) Traffic Generation, Parking Impact and Traffic Conflicts

The proposed site and its proposed access are positioned near the Queens Head pub and the village shop, and more concerning adjacent to a new proposed access for a further housing estate.

This location is already a known bottleneck for traffic and the new access will cause congestion and increase the risk of accidents.

This development will generate over 90 vehicle movements per day and will create dangerous 'blind-spots' cause serious traffic conflicts.

If the adjacent housing estate development is approved in the future this will create a disastrous traffic situation.

Parking serving the village shop which will be severely impacted by the proposed development.

The generation of the additional traffic movements will overload the roads in the area which are only country lanes.

NPPF paragraph 116 requires assessment of 'residual cumulative impacts' on the road network, and these cumulative traffic impacts must be assessed and critically considered including the 32 new homes at Sumners Fields which will generate over 90 vehicle movements per day.

Kind regards

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