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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0934
Categories: Comments Received

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 10:37 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Watermead Henfield Road Cowfold Horsham West Sussex RH13 8DT
Proposal:	Demolition of existing vacant storage buildings and erection of 9no. residential units, provision of open space and retention of pond.
Case Officer:	Tamara Dale

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Customer Details

Address: 39 Barleycroft Cowfold

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Highway Access and Parking - Overdevelopment - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	(1) Whilst I note your ecological survey and recognition for species including bats within the proposed development site, I believe the trees in the northwestern corner are home to roosting bats due to the daily dusk sightings of bats in my garden, evident over a number of years. Has a survey been carried out on the existing trees to see whether they are indeed bat roosts? Are the

trees being retained the ones with the roosts? If the plan is approved, what danger/disruption will the bats be facing during the site works? How can you mitigate this?

(2) I understand that the previous landowner (Barrows) received a grant to keep a section of land as woodland. Presume this has all been checked and that exact parcel of land and its boundaries retained as woodland.

(3) Pond: It's unclear from the Habitat plan if this is staying. With it being clay soil, the pond acts as a soakaway from the adjacent field. Has a newt survey been undertaken?

(4) Access to/from the development, along the busy Henfield Road will be opposite the new development proposed on the other side of the road. This needs careful thought and cross referencing of plans.

(5) This latest development of 9 houses was not on the Cowfold Neighbourhood Plan. Why was this? It puts added pressure on the local surgery.

Kind regards

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