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Sent: 09 May 2026 09:19:19 UTC+01:00
To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0567
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 09/05/2026 9:19 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	9 Montpelier Gardens Washington West Sussex RH20 3BW
Proposal:	Erection of 2no. semi-detached houses on land to the side of 9 Montpelier Gardens. Demolition of single storey element to side of existing No. 9 and erection of a two storey rear extension to the host dwelling.
Case Officer:	Daniel Holmes

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Customer Details

Address: 10 Montpelier Gardens Washington Pulborough

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design - Highway Access and Parking - Overdevelopment - Privacy Light and Noise
Comments:	Re: Planning Application DC/26/0567 - 9 Montpelier Gardens, Washington RH20 3BW I wish to strongly object to the proposed development at 9 Montpelier Gardens for the erection of two semi-detached houses

and associated alterations to the existing property.

I have lived in Montpelier Gardens for 44 years and have seen the road become increasingly congested over time. Parking is already a major issue on this road and this development will make the situation substantially worse. Residents already experience ongoing "parking wars" between neighbours due to the lack of available spaces, and adding multiple additional dwellings will inevitably increase the number of vehicles competing for limited parking.

My property is directly opposite No. 9, and due to the limited space on the road, the current residents already have to partially pull onto my driveway in order to reverse and manoeuvre their vehicles safely. This clearly demonstrates how restricted access and parking already are on this road. If this development goes ahead, I believe larger vehicles such as builders' lorries, delivery trucks, skips and contractors' vans would also need to use part of my driveway in order to reverse or manoeuvre, which is completely unacceptable.

The proposal appears to remove or significantly reduce the existing driveway and parking arrangements for No. 9 itself. This raises the obvious question: where are the occupants of No. 9 expected to park once the current drive is built over? It is unrealistic to assume future occupants of the new houses and the existing dwelling will not own multiple vehicles. This will push even more cars onto the road, creating severe overspill parking throughout the area.

Montpelier Gardens is not designed to cope with this level of development or vehicle density. Cars are already parked tightly along sections of the road, making access difficult. Additional on-street parking caused by this proposal could seriously obstruct emergency vehicles such as ambulances, fire engines and refuse vehicles from accessing parts of the road quickly and safely. This is a significant concern for residents, particularly elderly residents and families.

In addition, the road surface in Montpelier Gardens is already in a severely damaged condition in places. The increased number of vehicles associated with this development, together with heavy construction traffic, delivery lorries, skips and contractors' vans during the building process, will inevitably make the condition of the road even worse. The road is simply not suitable for this level of additional traffic and heavy vehicle use.

The development would also spoil the appearance and character of the road. Montpelier Gardens is currently made up predominantly of spacious homes with a balanced layout and open frontage. Squeezing two additional houses onto the side land would appear cramped, overdeveloped and entirely out of

keeping with the existing street scene. The proposal represents overdevelopment of the plot and would create a crowded appearance that would negatively impact the visual character of the area.

Furthermore, the increased activity, traffic movement, noise and general disturbance from three households where there is currently one would have a harmful effect on neighbouring residents' quality of life.

Having lived here for over four decades, I strongly feel this proposal is inappropriate for the location and would permanently damage the character, safety and residential amenity of Montpelier Gardens.

I respectfully ask the Council to refuse this application.

Yours faithfully,

Kind regards

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