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Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0322
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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 02/04/2026 8:41 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	Steyning Grammar Upper School Shooting Field Steyning West Sussex BN44 3RX
Proposal:	Part-demolition of existing teaching buildings, MUGAs and all-weather pitch. Construction of replacement 2-storey and 3-storey teaching buildings, flood-lit all-weather pitch and hard surfaced sports courts, with associated access, parking, landscaping and infrastructure.
Case Officer:	Matthew Porter

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Customer Details

Address: 10 Cobden Road Cobden road Worthing

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design - Loss of General Amenity - Other
Comments:	I object to this application due to many reasons: - As outlined in the Planning Policy & National Guidance and the HDC PPS there should be a like for like replacement prior to any

change to existing sports facility

The current astro is still in good condition and needs no immediate replacement of the surface to continue. It is very well used all through the week by many different communities outside of the school usage.

If a new, 3G pitch has been budgeted for in the plan then this should be built in addition to this existing facility and could easily be accommodated on the playing fields north of the current astro.

The current proposal sites the new 3g pitch next to residential housing causing disturbance to the occupiers from noise and floodlights till 10pm in the evening. These residents already have the Steyning football club 3g pitch very close by and will effectively be in the middle of two busy sports facilities.

There is also an imminent ban (2031) of the infill of these pitches due to health and safety risk and the environmental impact, so it would be introducing a controversial technology that will likely have to be replaced in the very short term.

Removal of the existing astro will effectively bring to an end 4 separate hockey clubs who regularly use the pitch as there is no other facility in the area.

I have no objection to the redevelopment of the school and the addition of a new 3G pitch but this should be built in addition to the existing astro that is very much in demand.

An easy solution to this issue is to amend the plans so that the proposed new 3g pitch is built to the north of the existing pitch on the playing fields. This has many benefits in that it allows the hockey clubs to continue, it improves the range of sports that can be played on two different surfaces, it provides extra revenue streams to the school from external customers and it removes the disruption from the floodlights and noise to the neighbours who would be severely impacted if the 3g pitch is positioned next to their houses.

This option presents minimal additional costs to the development of the school as the current astro is in good condition so doesn't need any additional money for it to continue. The new 3g pitch has already been budgeted for so moving it to a better location shouldn't incur much additional cost and the space that moving to the playing fields frees up would allow school buildings to be built in that area.

I hope that the planning office will look at the proposal again and amend them in the way I have suggested which will allow everyone to be served in a more inclusive way.

Kind regards

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