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Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0954
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 22/09/2026 9:21 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land South of Athelstan Way Horsham West Sussex
Proposal:	Residential development for 21no. 1, 2, 3 and 4 bedroom dwellings with associated parking, hard and soft landscaping at Land South of Athelstan Way, Horsham.
Case Officer:	Nicola Pettifer

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Customer Details

Address:	Holmes park Horsham
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Highway Access and Parking - Loss of General Amenity - Other - Overdevelopment - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	Objection to Planning Application DC/26/0954 I wish to object to planning application DC/26/0954, which proposes the construction of 21 dwellings on land south of Athelstan Way, Horsham. The application is for "Residential

development for 21 no. 1, 2, 3 and 4 bedroom dwellings with associated parking, hard and soft landscaping".

My objection is based on the following grounds:

Loss of valuable natural habitat and wildlife corridor

The proposed site forms part of a wider green area that provides important habitat for wildlife and acts as a natural corridor connecting habitats across the local area. Development of this land would result in the loss and fragmentation of valuable green space, reducing biodiversity and disrupting wildlife movement. At a time when nature is already under increasing pressure, remaining natural habitats should be protected rather than replaced by housing developments.

Impact on biodiversity

The area supports a variety of wildlife species and contributes to the ecological value of the surrounding landscape. The introduction of housing, roads, vehicle movements, lighting, noise and increased human activity would inevitably have a significant impact on local wildlife and the character of the site. Any proposed landscaping cannot adequately replace an established natural habitat.

Unsuitable access and transport concerns

The site does not appear to have appropriate access arrangements capable of safely accommodating the additional traffic generated by 21 new dwellings. Increased vehicle movements would place further pressure on existing local roads and infrastructure and could create safety issues for existing residents and road users.

Overdevelopment and pressure on local infrastructure

This proposal represents an inappropriate intensification of development in an area that is currently valued for its open, natural character. The cumulative impact of continuing housing development across Horsham is resulting in the steady loss of green spaces that contribute significantly to residents' wellbeing and local biodiversity. Existing infrastructure is already under pressure, and further development should be carefully justified and located in genuinely sustainable locations.

Loss of green space

Horsham and the surrounding area have experienced considerable development in recent years. The continued loss of undeveloped land risks permanently altering the character of the area and reducing opportunities for people to enjoy and connect

with nature. Once these natural spaces are lost, they cannot easily be restored.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that Horsham District Council refuses planning application DC/26/0954 and gives appropriate weight to the environmental, ecological, access and infrastructure concerns associated with this proposal.

Kind regards

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