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Sent: 09 April 2026 11:35:19 UTC+01:00
To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0366
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 09/04/2026 11:35 AM.

Application Summary

Address: Land North West of Southwater

Proposal: Outline planning application, with all matters reserved (except for primary access to the highway) for a phased development comprising: the demolition of existing buildings and the construction of up to 1,000 residential dwellings (including affordable housing) (Use Class C3); up to 80 specialist accommodation units (Use Class C2); a mixed-use neighbourhood centre (Use Classes E and F); education facilities (Use Class F1(a)); business and employment floorspace (Use Classes B2, B8 and E(g)); redevelopment of existing agricultural buildings including construction of a building for community use (Use Classes E and F2); improvements to public rights of way; sports pitches; gypsy and traveller pitches/plots; public open space; landscaping, and associated infrastructure

Case Officer: Matthew Porter

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Customer Details

Address: The Rest Worthing Road Southwater, Horsham

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

- Loss of General Amenity
- Other
- Overdevelopment
- Trees and Landscaping

Comments: I STRONGLY OBJECT to the proposed DEVASTATION of our rural village and natural/farmed environment.

This is a very short sighted and greedy proposal which will RUIN OUR VILLAGE completely, making countless creatures HOMELESS.

Please consider the wider effects on CLIMATE CHANGE. Building on green field sites is one of the very worst things we can do, not only destroying green carbon heroes, but making buildings which heat up the planet.

This proposal represents loss of rich farmland which risks our FOOD SECURITY. We are a small country and valuable productive farmland is scarce. If we are thinking of the future we want to reduce food miles and grow more ourselves.

If we concrete over our PRECIOUS SOIL we are being dangerously short sighted. With nowhere to grow we will have to import everything, not sensible nor healthy for us or the planet.

There are many MATURE TREES which cannot be instantly replaced! Majestic precious beings, homes for millions, acting as lungs cleaning our air.

We all know the terrible plight the natural world is facing. LOSS OF HABITAT being one of the main problems. Surely we know the importance of providing habitats for our BELEAGUED WILDLIFE rather than destroying them.

The natural world is vital to human existence too. Not to mention its benefits for mental & physical health. Better than any manmade 'amenity' which is considered. This proposal will DESTROY MILLIONS of creatures, seen and unseen.

This place has held my heart for over 60 years. I am deeply attached to it and HEARTBROKEN over yet another proposed DEVASTATION of precious countryside. I'm not a nimby, we've had development IN our garden, given room to some people but enough is ENOUGH!!!

Other humans have escaped the madness of city life and come here to find some peace. Cruel to ruin that for us all. Please find somewhere else.

Should this awful idea go ahead, and I hope those concerned come to their senses before that tragedy happens, we will be responsible for the destruction of this part of the planet. How can

we explain this to FUTURE GENERATIONS?

This proposal makes life worse for everyone already living here.

Sadly more humans means less of everything else except possibly rats, dogs, cats and other wildlife predators. We are NOT the only ones who deserve to live on this planet and in this place.

We have chosen to live in a rural area. Having deadening, suffocating URBAN SPRAWL IMPOSED ON US & THIS LANDSCAPE IS SHORTSIGHTED, UNFAIR AND UNDEMOCRATIC.

Please CONSIDER BROWN FIELD SITES AND EMPTY PROPERTIES as better options than destroying more precious countryside. Smaller families also benefit the planet.

Thank you for reading this and REJECTING this DEVASTATING PROPOSAL.

Kind regards

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