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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0530
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 01/06/2026 4:40 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land at Hornbrook Farm Brighton Road West Sussex
Proposal:	Outline planning application for up to 180 dwellings, open space and associated works and infrastructure with all matters reserved apart from access.
Case Officer:	Nicola Pettifer

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Customer Details

Address:	28 Forestfield 28 Forestfield, 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 - Overdevelopment - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	While I recognise the need for new housing, I do not believe this proposal represents sustainable development and I have concerns regarding its potential impact on the local environment, infrastructure and community. My concerns include:

Loss of Greenfield Land and Rural Character

The proposed development would result in the permanent loss of valuable greenfield land that contributes significantly to the character of the local area. These open spaces form an important part of Horsham's rural setting and provide visual amenity for residents and visitors alike.

Impact on Wildlife and Biodiversity

The site currently provides habitat and movement corridors for wildlife. Development risks damaging local biodiversity and reducing green space that supports birds, mammals, insects and other species. Any biodiversity gains proposed should be carefully scrutinised to ensure they genuinely offset the loss of existing habitat.

Pressure on Local Infrastructure

Local roads, schools, healthcare services and public transport are already experiencing increasing pressure. The application does not provide sufficient evidence that the existing infrastructure can accommodate the additional demand generated by the development.

Traffic and Highway Safety

Additional vehicle movements are likely to increase congestion on local roads and may adversely affect road safety. A thorough assessment should be undertaken to demonstrate that the local highway network can safely accommodate the increase in traffic.

Environmental and Climate Considerations

The loss of undeveloped land runs counter to wider environmental objectives. Greenfield sites play an important role in carbon storage, flood mitigation and maintaining local environmental resilience. Priority should be given to previously developed (brownfield) sites wherever possible.

Impact on Community Character

The scale and nature of the proposed development risks changing the character of the surrounding area and could result in a loss of the distinct identity that local communities value.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the application be refused or reconsidered, with greater emphasis placed on protecting greenfield land and identifying more sustainable alternatives.

Kind regards

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