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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/1089
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 31/08/2026 1:12 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Collyers School 82 Hurst Road Horsham West Sussex RH12 2EJ
Proposal:	Phased development of a Technology Centre consisting of two buildings, associated landscaping, and reconfigured access and parking.
Case Officer:	Alice Johnson

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Customer Details

Address: 35 Hurst Avenue West Sussex Horsham

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design - Highway Access and Parking - Other - Privacy Light and Noise - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	Comments to Planning - Ref College of Richard Collyer - Ref DC/26/1089 Reasons for comments Car park Management Plan Security. Pollution - Lighting, Noise Pollution and Air Pollution.

We wish to object to the proposed car parking plan at The College of Richard Collyer. We are residents of Hurst Avenue and the back garden of our property borders on Collyer's playing fields. We appreciate the need for improvement and expansion in the facilities for students and staff however we have several concerns on the impact that the proposals will have on us and our neighbours in Hurst Avenue and the effect of the proposals on access to and from Hurst Avenue.

Security

Our concern for the security of our property will increase considerably by the introduction of the proposed car park, with space for 144 cars. Usage of the car park will not be confined to staff and students, but accessed during out of hours by others using Collyer's facilities at varying times of the day and night, which will also create a disturbance and a threat to our security.

4.3.1. of The Car Park Management Plan. Collyer's Car parking on-site is only currently managed during college hours. We wish to know that our security will be safeguarded, not only during Collyer's open hours but also during out of hours, from car park misuse, anti-social behaviour, general nuisance, and environmental damage.

The Car Park Management Plan

The proposed plan is to have a linear car park which is 4 metres from the boundary of our garden, this means we will have a linear road both at the front and the back of our property. We live in Hurst Avenue and hear very little noise from the current Collyer's car park. It has been found that long linear car parks, such as the one proposed are generally more hazardous than shorter, traditionally designed grid layout car parks, which is safer and concentrate traffic in a localized zone, as unobstructive straight roads mimic open roads and cause more behavioural risks, drivers instinctively accelerate.

Also, the installation of car park spaces and road, will decrease the green space area of the playing fields impacting local drainage and water tables. Whilst the proposals mention increasing the landscaping, it is unclear whether some of the established trees, such as the larger silver birch may be affected by building work if the tree roots obstruct.

Lighting

5.5.2 Our home and our garden are illuminated at night by the current lighting on Collyer's premises, this is very intrusive, even with the suggested back shields to reduce light pollution we feel this will not improve.

5.5.4 Suggests presence detection for lighting being explored, this

would be an improved method of controlling the lighting to our gardens.

Noise Pollution

Tests for car park noise have limited accuracy, and are based on assumptions, as they cannot predict real-world cumulative disturbance over time, car parks produce sudden, short sounds like slamming doors, revving engines or alarms, wind direction and temperature also affect how sound travels to nearby homes. Out of hours use of Collyer's facilities will mean disturbance to residents at any time, day or night, our previous experience of cars being parked on the playing fields demonstrated higher noise levels.

Air Pollution

We do not think the high number of proposed car parking spaces is necessary, Local and National governments generally support reducing town traffic to improve air quality and safety, to promote walking, cycling and cleaner air, and support reducing private car reliance and congestion in towns.

There are other options for travel, car sharing, Horsham - park and ride to take students to Horsham station, and using public transport as much as possible, these would help reduce the number of car parking places being proposed.

4.1 HDC -Policy 24 states: "minimising exposure to and emission from air pollution refers directly to Policy 24 ("Environmental Protection"). This specific regulatory policy is designed to control and mitigate environmental pollution across the district, ensuring that new developments do not negatively impact human health, local wildlife, or the natural landscape.

Car parks create significant Environmental health Hazards, through toxic vehicle emissions, engine noise and tyre friction, effecting air quality. Moving the car park 4 metres from our boundary to the proposed car park can have an impact on our health.

Hurst Road congestion

Hurst Road already gets very congested especially at peak times, and with building commencing on another Hurst Road site, and a vehicle repair centre for council vehicles having recently opened up, congestion will only increase in what is already a very busy road, affecting access in and out of Hurst Avenue.

We would like the council to give due consideration to the serious impact of the proposed car park and the effects these will have on our and our neighbours home and health.

Conclusion

As per my comments, I object to the proposed plans to relocate the Collyer's car park based on the grounds of the changes it will bring to our environment, affecting Security, lighting, noise pollution, air/vehicle pollution and for the council to ensure that each of these points are addressed satisfactorily.

Kind regards

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