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To: Planning
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/25/2114

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 16/07/2026 2:15 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land at 519396 111237 Church Farm Walk Upper Beeding West Sussex
Proposal:	Erection of 4 No. detached dwellings with associated amenity space, car parking spaces, detached carports, access road and other associated infrastructure.
Case Officer:	Daniel Holmes

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Customer Details

Address: 317 Urban Park Noborito 108 Noboritoshinmachi Tama-ku, Kawasaki-shi

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	I wish to object to planning application DC/25/2114. Having grown up in Church Farm Walk, I know the location and the surrounding area well. Indeed, it is a place I care about deeply. The proposed development site lies entirely within a local wildlife site. There are [REDACTED], bats, grass snakes, hedgehogs and slow worms living there. We often saw hedgehogs and slow worms in our garden. The range of birds that can be both seen and heard is extraordinary. I also understand that the site was flailed a week before the first survey was carried out. Such a survey cannot give an accurate representation of the flora and fauna within the site prior to flailing therefore any BNG figures will be incorrect. Living in the densely populated urban environment of Tokyo has made me appreciate how precious the land at Church Farm is, and why it should be protected. If built upon, it will be lost forever. I would also like to object to the proposed access to the site. The last section of Church Lane is

a single track public bridleway. Lots of children use this footpath to and from school as I once did. To add more traffic would be dangerous. There are no verges to stand on as the sides are steep banks. Construction traffic would be particularly hazardous as so many more people use the bridleway on their way to the river bank, now that the new White Bridge has been opened.

There is also the heritage to consider. St Peter's Church and Sele Priory can be seen from the riverbank. To put four new houses next to them would look completely out of place when walking on the Heritage Footpath to the north of the proposed site. The suggestion that the houses will be screened by planting is misleading. As the ground slopes down to the north, any planting will be significantly lower than the houses, particularly the plot nearest to Church Farm Walk, and therefore will not act as a screen to a two storey house. The proposed planting is also deciduous, leaving the houses glaringly visible during the winter.

Please do not accept this planning application. As a young person who really appreciates the need for housing and hopes to live in Sussex again, I urge the planning committee to protect such precious land, lying as it does within a highly valued Local Wildlife Site, and build on brownfield sites instead, of which there are a number locally, such as the cement works, the development of which could be a significant benefit to the community both through housing and employment opportunities.

Kind regards

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